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Town Report

R. MURPHY

In Memoriam

HERBERT W. ALEXANDER

School Department
1972-1977

ALBERTA G. WARDWELL

School Department
1960-1969

Dedication

The 1993 Annual Town Report is dedicated to all Town employees, past and present, who, despite ongoing fiscal constraints, continue to serve the Town of West Bridgewater with dedication and pride.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Town Officers and Committees
OF THE TOWN OF



WEST BRIDGEWATER

For the Year Ending December 31

1993

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen hereby submits its 172nd Annual Town Report.

The year 1993 was a year of accomplishment for the Town and most especially for the Board. In March, the Board appointed John Duggan as Treasurer/Collector. John came to us from the Department of Revenue and is the first appointee to that position since the Town voted to make that an appointed rather than an elected position. Eldon Moreira was elected to his fourth term as a selectman. In addition, four new Permanent Intermittent Police Officers were appointed in October.

After a successful Override Vote by the Town in October, the Board also appointed two new full-time Police Officers bringing the full complement of the force to 19 men and women. New officers are Joyce Graf and Victor Flaherty, Jr.

The Board continues to support the Town's participation in the Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) and the Manley Street Safety Association (MSSA). As a result of the SERSG purchasing strategy, the Town's tax dollars are able to purchase larger quantities of DPW and office supplies among other things. And due to the persistence of the MSSA, a traffic light at Manley Street and Route 106 may become a reality involving state, federal, local and private industry time, effort and monies.

The worst blizzard of the century hit the weekend of March 12-13 and the Board declared a state of emergency. Fortunately for all, the blizzard landed over sea rather than on land and though snow removal budgets were over-expanded, the Town weathered the storm with true yankee spirit.

In addition to all of this, the members of the Board of Selectmen continue to carry out the duties of the Local Licensing Authority and the Appointing Authority and represent the Town of West Bridgewater in connection with the activities of the Old Colony Planning Council, the Brockton Area Transit Authority, the Plymouth County Advisory Board, the Plymouth County Selectmen's Association and the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association. Mrs. Kinney maintained the role of Parking Clerk, donating hours of work in completing the responsibilities associated with the position. The Selectmen also contribute a great deal of their time to volunteer projects such as the Beautification Committee, the Stars and Stripes, the Memorial and Veterans' Day celebrations and many other activities.

At this time, the selectmen would like to extend their continuing gratitude to everyone who has contributed their time and financial resources to the Town. As always, we are in need of even more good volunteers to serve on boards and committees. Please feel free to fill out the form at the back of this book or send a letter of interest to the Selectmen if you would like to serve in any capacity.

The Board of Selectmen would also like to thank all Town employees, department heads and board and committee members for their efforts on behalf of the Town of West Bridgewater. All Town employees are to be commended for the extra effort they put forth to continue to provide our community with quality services.

Most especially, we wish to commend the efforts of the Administrative Assistant, Elizabeth Faricy; Confidential Secretary, Linda Souza; and her assistant, Louise Brouillard for their dedication to carrying out the wishes of our Board and all who seek help through our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Kinney, Chairman
Eldon F. Moreira, Clerk
Richard J. Freitas, Member

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS 1993

	Elected	Term Expires
MODERATOR		
Warren E. Turner	1993	1994
TOWN CLERK		
Marion L. Leonard	1991	1994
SELECTMEN		
Judith A. Kinney	1991	1994
Richard J. Freitas	1992	1995
Eldon F. Moreira	1993	1996
ASSESSORS		
Gary Boyd	1991	1994
DeSales Heath	1992	1995
Irving W. Puffer	1993	1996
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY		
Rita Fontinha	1991	1994
Robert Sullivan	1991	1994
Elizabeth Turner	1992	1995
Joanna (Jodi) Savage	1992	1995
James L. Grandfield	1993	1996
Barbara Roulstone	1993	1996
REGIONAL-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
Eugene KostECKi	1990	1994
SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
R. Linn Peterson	1991	1994
David Gill	1991	1994
Mark K. Burley	1992	1995
Nora M. Torres-Bradford	1992	1995
Linda A. Santry	1993	1996
Jeffrey P. Russell	1993	1996
WATER COMMISSIONERS		
Donald G. Asack	1991	1994
David L. Churchill	1992	1995
John W. Noyes	1993	1996
TREE WARDEN		
Christopher Iannitelli	1992	1995

CONSTABLES

Raymond L. Silva	1992	1995
Walter Thayer	1992	1995

BOARD OF HEALTH

Edward F. Cruz	1991	1994
Marie T. Bagley	1992	1995
Sandra Asack.....	1993	1996

PLANNING BOARD

Stephen P. Wood (Resigned)	1989	1994
James Henderson (Appointed)	1993	1994
Howard Anderson	1990	1995
Hugh Hurley	1991	1996
Gerald Stetson	1992	1997
Grete Bohannon	1993	1998

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Jean Freitas.....	1992	1994
John Cruz	1993	1995
Joan K. Johnson	1991	1996
Raymund Rogers (State Appt.).....	1992	1997
Richard C. Williams.....	1993	1998

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Elizabeth D. Faricy

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Marilyn Gordon

ADMINISTRATOR OF INSURANCE

Elizabeth D. Faricy

Ronald W. Pacy

BOARD OF APPEALS

	Appointed	Term Expires
Michael D. Feresten	1989	1994
Walter Thayer	1990	1995
William E. Lucini.....	1991	1996
George O. Merritt.....	1992	1997
Lars (Gary) Eliasson	1993	1998
Associate Members:		
John DeCosta, Jr.	1989	1994
James Henderson.....	1993	1998

BAY CIRCUIT GREEN BELT COMMITTEE

Howard Hayward, Rep.

Conservation Commission

Historical Commission

BROCKTON AREA MENTAL HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE

Vacant

BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Richard J. Freitas

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Steven D. Crawford

David Moore (on call)

BUILDING NEEDS AND USE COMMITTEE

John F. Bottini.....	1991	1994
Richard H. McMahon	1991	1994
Vacancy.....	1992	1995
Thomas Dunlevy	1993	1996
Vacancy.....	1993	1996

BY-LAW STUDY COMMITTEE

Claire Davock

Marlene Howell

Gerald Stetson

David Lacy

Richard McMahon

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Richard J. Bagley.....	1991	1994
Edward H. Patenaude.....	1991	1994
Julio Miglierini.....	1992	1995
Donald Miller.....	1992	1995
Peter Turner.....	1993	1996
Michael D. Feresten.....	1993	1996

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Elizabeth D. Faricy

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Michael Manugian, Director.....	1993	1994
Ronald P. Snell, Deputy Director	1993	1994

CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

Linda J. Souza

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Linda Greene.....	1991	1994
Quentin Holmes	1992	1995
James Lorrain.....	1992	1995
Joseph Souza.....	1993	1996
Howard Hayward.....	1993	1996

COUNCIL ON AGING

Anne Gillis (Resigned)	1990	1993
Anna E. Brown.....	1991	1994
Beth I. Burgess.....	1991	1994
David J. Cohen.....	1991	1994
Edwin Grover (Resigned)	1991	1994
Lloyd Sears	1992	1995
Frank Nelson	1992	1995
Robert Bolger.....	1992	1995
Helen Nelson.....	1992	1995
Virginia T. Michael.....	1993	1996
Julio Miglierini.....	1993	1996
Jean Freitas.....	1993	1996

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Kathleen Rohnstrom (Resigned).....	1992	1994
Sandra White.....	1992	1994
Jean Freitas.....	1992	1994
Beth Roll-Smith	1993	1995
Virginia T. Michael.....	1993	1995
Helen Wood	1993	1995
Rita Broman	1993	1995
Michael D. Feresten	1993	1995
Karen Moran	1991	1993
Theodore Nystrom	1991	1993
Carolyn Lepage.....	1991	1993

DOG OFFICER

Julie Vivace

DRURY BELL COMMITTEE

Marjorie MacDonald
Richard J. Freitas

Judith A. Kinney
Eldon F. Moreira

FENCE VIEWERS

Joseph Souza

Harold Hallberg

Hugh Hurley

FIELD DRIVERS

George Kinney

George Richardson

Howard A. Anderson

FIRE CHIEF

Leonard T. Hunt

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Leonard T. Hunt

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADHOC STUDY COMMITTEE

Paul Gonyea
Gary Keith

Leonard T. Hunt (ex-officio)

James Rocha
Steven DeLuca

HANDICAPPED COMMISSION

Annette Eddy
Virginia T. Michael

Russell Bump
James C. Barber

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR
Leonard T. Hunt

HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

S. Erick Benson
Phyllis Bickford

Ronald Broman
Raymund Rogers

Paul T. Golder
Gary Keith

HERITAGE CAPSULE CUSTODIANS

Joan McAndrew	1993	1995
Vacancy.....		1994
Marjorie MacDonald.....	1993	1996

HERRING WARDEN

Philip C. Tuck

Thomas B. MacQuinn, Deputy

Joseph Souza, Deputy

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Lucia Marcotte	1991	1994
Susan Cross	1991	1994
Philip Anderson	1991	1994
John Newell	1992	1995
Lawrence Conant	1992	1995
Christopher Werner.....	1992	1995
Gilbert Robery	1993	1996

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Vacancy.....	1989	1994
Robert DeMarino	1992	1995
Samuel Read	1991	1996
David L. Churchill	1992	1997
Gary Eliasson	1993	1998
Advisory Committee:		
Vacancy.....		1995
Vacancy.....		1995

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Vacant

LOCKUP KEEPER

Walter Thayer

MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE

Robert Splitz

Michael Feresten

Michael Centrella

MEMORIAL & VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

Judith A. Kinney

Marion Leonard

Richard McMahon

MOBILE HOME PARK RENT CONTROL BOARD

Charles R. Barros	1991	1994
Lauren Finch	1992	1994
Irene Churchill	1992	1995
Venison Turner	1992	1995
Robert C. McKean, Jr.	1993	1996

O.C.P.C. AREA AGENCY ON AGING

David Cohen, Delegate Beth Burgess, Alternate

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate.....	1992	1995
Nancy Bresciani, Alternate	1993	1995

**OLD COLONY OVERALL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Vacancy

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Donald Newman, Delegate Richard J. Freitas, Alternate

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES, INC.

Joan K. Johnson, Delegate Beth Burgess, Alternate

OLD COLONY SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Vacancy

PARKING CLERK

Judith A. Kinney

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL DESIGNEE

Eldon F. Moreira

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD DESIGNEE

Eldon F. Moreira

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

Joseph Donovan

POLICE CHIEF

Howard R. Anderson

PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT

Christopher Iannitelli	1992	1995
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RECREATION COMMISSION

Inactive

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

John S. Newell, III

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Francis J. Boyd.....	1991	1994
Marion L. Leonard.....	1991	1994
Anna E. Brown.....	1992	1995
Charles H. Johnson (Resigned)		
Janet Merritt (appt. 1993)	1993	1996

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Herbert A. Wolfer

SENIOR SITE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Robert Bolger	Anna E. Brown	Richard Freitas
David J. Cohen	Frank W. Nelson, Jr.	Lloyd Sears
Judith Kinney	Eldon Moreira	Elizabeth Faricy
Howard R. Anderson		

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Donald E. Newman

TENNIS COURT COMMITTEE

Marlene Howell		Marianne Lorray
Ethel T. Fisher (Honorary)	Nancy Consolazio	Vacant

TOWN COUNSEL

John P. Lee

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Thomas B. MacQuinn		Keith R. Hahl
Christopher Iannitelli	George Kinney	Joanne M. White

TOWN PARK COMMITTEE

Bruce Holmquist		Gerald Stetson
Marian MacDonald		Jerry Lawrence
Christopher Iannitelli		Brian Connelly
Christopher Werner		Jack MacDonald

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

John G. Duggan

VETERANS' AGENT

Armen Amerigian

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL

Richard Krugger, Jr.

WIRING INSPECTOR

Albert M. Greiner

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joanna Savage
Marion Loughman

Michael Manugian

Paul Sheedy
Henry Bishop

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

John B. Sillars
Raymond L. Silva

James F. Purpura

Arthur Steptoe
John Daly

BUSINESSMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO BY-LAW STUDY COMMITTEE

Irene Churchill
Merton Ouderkirk

Paul Colandrea

Walter Thayer
John Peterson

FINANCE COMMITTEE

William D. Pope, V. Chmn.....	1991	1994
Regina M. Gross (resigned)	1991	1994
Carmella Sherren (resigned)	1991	1994
Steven Evans	1992	1995
Sonja J. Bolmant	1992	1995
Frederick A. McPeck	1992	1995
Thomas Palie	1993	1996
Pamela J. Humphreys, Secretary	1993	1996
Donald L. Miller, Jr., Chairman	1993	1996
Eileen M. Flaherty	1993	1994
Jodi-Lynne Walker	1993	1994

MODERATORS COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL RESTORATION

William Pope
John F. Bottini, Jr.
Warren Sederberg
Robert Swanson

Victor Flaherty

Sonja Bolmant
David Gill
Jeff Russell
Richard Freitas

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Richard Anderson
Howard A. Anderson

BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICIAN

Dr. Brian Blanchette

BURIAL AGENT

Marion L. Leonard

APPOINTMENTS BY THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Richard W. Gibson

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Paul R. Lanoue
Michael D. St. George
Gerald E. Stetson
Richard W. Gibson

Paul Golder
Allen A. Breer
James J. Rocha
Thomas Dunlevy

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION APRIL 17, 1993

The Annual Town Election was held at the Howard/Spring Street School on Saturday, April 17, 1993. The Warrant issued by the Selectmen was posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva in accordance with the provisions of the Towns By-Laws.

Specimen Ballots, cards of instructions and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the laws of the Commonwealth.

The polls were opened at 9:00 A.M. The ballot boxes in both precincts were inspected and the registers set at 0000. A total of 3,000 ballots were given to the Wardens, John B. Sillars and Bruce Holmquist, and receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 P.M., the ballot boxes registered a total of 1,220 votes cast.

The following workers were sworn in:

Precinct 1. Bruce Holmquist, Warden; Sharon Leonard, Clerk; Lucille Boyd, Barbara Tufts, Frances Brouillard, Helen Johnson, Checkers; Janet Merritt, Alice Richardson, Elaine Laughton, Betty Venables, Theresa Boardman, Pamela Humphreys, Counters; Anna Brown, Joann Sillars, Tally.

Precinct 2. John Sillars, Warden; Joseph Kameese, Clerk; Joan McAndrew, Lillian Dias, Katherine Chaves, Lucinda Kameese, Marie McCole, Nancy Consolazio, Counters; Ann Long, Claire Davock, Tally.

Brent Peterson assisted with set-up.

The results were as follows:

MODERATOR, 1 YR.	Vote for One	# of Votes
Warren E. Turner		907
Blanks		313

Warren E. Turner Declared Elected

SELECTMEN, 3 YRS.	Vote for One	# of Votes
Eldon F. Moreira		922
Diane Perry		269
Blanks		29
Eldon F. Moreira Declared Elected		
ASSESSOR, 3 YRS.	Vote for One	
Irving Puffer		851
Blanks		368
Irving Puffer Declared Elected		
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3 YRS.	Vote for Two	
James Grandfield		738
Barbara Roulstone		749
Blanks		953
James Grandfield Declared Elected Barbara Roulstone Declared Elected		
WATER COMMISSIONER, 3 YRS.	Vote for One	
John Noyes		913
Blanks		307
John Noyes Declared Elected		
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 3 YRS.	Vote for Two	
Linda Santry		865
Jeffrey Russell		809
Blanks		766
Linda Santry Declared Elected Jeffrey Russell Declared Elected		
BOARD OF HEALTH, 3 YRS.	Vote for One	
Sandra Asack		944
Blanks		276
Sandra Asack Declared Elected		
PLANNING BOARD, 5 YRS.	Vote for One	
Grete Bohannon		839
Blanks		381
Grete Bohannon Declared Elected		
HOUSING AUTHORITY, 5 YRS.	Vote for One	
Richard Williams		855
Blanks		365
Richard Williams Declared Elected		
HOUSING AUTHORITY, 2 YRS.		
John F. Cruz		891
Blanks		329
John F. Cruz Declared Elected		

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard,
Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 14, 1993 — 7:30 P.M.
WEST BRIDGEWATER JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL**

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Warren E. Turner at 7:35 p.m. with 168 qualified residents present. The Warrant was read by Town Clerk, Marion Leonard. The meeting proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To hear reports of all Town Officers and act thereon.

MOVE: That the reports of all Town officers and committees be accepted as printed in the 1992 annual Town report.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993 in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one (1) year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow in anticipation of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993 in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one (1) year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993:

Moderator
Board of Selectmen
Town Clerk
Board of Health

Tree Warden
Board of Assessors
Water Commissioners

The following Officers to serve without pay:

Library Trustees
Planning Board,

School Committee

or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the salaries of the following elected Town Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993 be set at:

Moderator	\$ 226.00	Tree Warden	\$1,000.00
Selectmen	\$ 6,395.00	Assessors	\$7,112.00
Town Clerk	\$ 25,732.00	Water Comm.	\$4,689.00
Bd. of Health	\$ 1,673.00		

The following Officers to serve without pay:

Library Trustees, School Committee, Planning Board

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AT 8:00 P.M.

MEETING RESUMED FOLLOWING SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AT 8:20 P.M.

ARTICLE 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The sum of \$9,637,827.67 be appropriated by department totals as printed in the finance committee report.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay old bills for fiscal year 1992, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,166.80 to pay the following old bills for fiscal year 1992:

1. To provide for an unpaid balance of sick leave buyback in accordance with the terms and conditions of the collective bargaining agreement with the clerical unit - \$661.30.

2. To pay an outstanding amount in connection with a clerical unit arbitration case - \$505.50.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the balance of borrowing authorized, but never issued, at the Annual Town Meeting of 1987 under Article #21 for the replacement of boilers at the West Bridgewater Jr.-Sr. High School in the amount of \$20,000.00, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to rescind the balance of borrowing authorized, but never issued, at the Annual Town Meeting of 1987 under Article #21 for the replacement of boilers at the West Bridgewater Jr.-Sr. High School in the amount of \$20,000.00.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with Chapter 336 of the Acts of 1991, to amortize Teachers' Deferral in the amount of \$471,712.00 over eight (8) years, beginning in fiscal year 1997, at a cost of \$58,964.00 per year, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote, in accordance with Chapter 336 of the Acts of 1991, to amortize Teachers' Deferral in the amount of \$471,712.00 over eight (8) years, beginning in fiscal year 1997, at a cost of \$58,964.00 per year.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into compensating balance agreements during fiscal year 1994, as permitted by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into compensating balance agreements during fiscal year 1994, as permitted by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Social Day Care Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to authorize, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the establishment of a revolving fund for receipts received by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging from the operation of its Social Day Care Program, such fund to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to be expended under the direction of the Director of Elder Services. The total amount to be expended from such fund in fiscal year 1994 shall not exceed \$29,180.00 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Nutrition Program to be used by the Council to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$15,000.00, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to authorize, in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the establishment of a revolving fund for receipts received by the Council on Aging from the operation of its Nutrition Program, such fund to be used by the Council on Aging to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to be expended under the direction of the Director of Elder Services. The total amount to be expended from such fund in fiscal year 1994 shall not exceed \$15,000.00 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SELECTMAN JUDITH KINNEY TO HOLD ARTICLE 12. UNTIL AFTER ARTICLE 53 WHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION IS PRESENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,500.00 from Conservation Wetlands Protection filing fees in accordance with Section 54 of Chapter 287 of the Acts of 1989 for use by the Conservation Commission in carrying out its duties under the Wetlands Protection Act, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer \$1,500.00 from Conservation Wetlands Protection filing fees in accordance with Section 54 of Chapter 287 of the Acts of 1989 for use by the Conservation Commission in carrying out its duties under the Wetlands Protection Act.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for the purchase of books and materials for said library and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$2,000.00, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to authorize, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the establishment of a revolving fund for receipts received by the West Bridgewater Public Library from fines and fees, such fund to be used by the Public Library for the purchase of books and materials for said library and to be expended under the direction of the Library Director. The total amount to be expended from such fund in fiscal year 1994 shall not exceed \$2,000.00 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees for the Town's share of start-up costs in connection with automated library services for the Bridgewater subregion, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees for the Town's share of start-up costs in connection with automated library services for the Bridgewater subregion.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees to purchase shelving for the library, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a new fee schedule for the Sealer of Weights and Measures in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 98, Section 56, the schedule being available in the Town Clerk's office, posted on the Town bulletin board and distributed at this meeting, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to amend the Town's By-Laws by inserting the following article:

**ARTICLE XLII
FEE SCHEDULE FOR SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

The Sealer of Weights and Measures shall receive the following fees for sealing the following weighing or measuring devices:

Scales and Balances

Over 10,000 pounds	\$ 50.00
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	35.00
1,000 to 5,000 pounds	25.00
100 to 1,000 pounds	12.00
10 to 100 pounds	8.00
Under 10 pounds	6.00

Weights

Avoirdupois	.60
Metric	.60
Apothecary	.60
Troy	.60

Capacity Measures

Vehicle Tanks

Each Indicator	\$ 5.00
Each 100 Gallons or fraction thereof	3.00

Liquid

1 Gallon or less	1.00
More than 1 Gallon	2.00

Liquid Measuring Meters

Inlet 1/2 inch or less	
Oil, Grease	5.00
Inlet more than 1/2 to 1 inch	
Gasoline or Diesel Fuel	10.00
Inlet more than 1 inch	
Vehicle Tank Pump	20.00
Vehicle Tank Gravity	25.00
Bulk Storage	50.00
Company Supplies Prover	25.00

Pumps

Each stop on pump	2.00
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Other Devices

Taxi Meters	10.00
Odometer-Hubodometer	10.00
Leather Measur. (Semi-Annual)	6.00
Fabric Measuring	6.00
Wire-Rope-Cordage	6.00
Container Redemption Machines	10.00

Linear Measures

Yard Sticks	1.00
Metal Rules	1.00
Tapes	3.00

<u>Milk Jars (per Gross)</u>	10.00
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UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and equip a new pumping engine for the Fire Department and to use the 1968 Dodge Pierre-Thibault Combination as a trade-in towards said acquisition, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to replace self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to replace self-contained breathing apparatus for the fire department.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to replace/update radio equipment for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to replace/update radio equipment for the Fire Department.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase more efficient semi-automatic weapons for the Police Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase more efficient semi-automatic weapons for the Police Department.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase two (2) new cruisers for the Police Department and to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to dispose of two (2) older cruisers in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to borrow the sum of \$32,500.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase two (2) new cruisers for the Police Department, and to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to dispose of two (2) older cruisers in the best interest of the Town.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to refurbish two (2) older Police Department cruisers for use by various Town departments, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Revolving Fund for the Police Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be added to the Revolving Fund for the Police Department.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase water meters, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to appropriate from water revenue the sum of \$12,000.00 to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase water meters.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be earmarked for a maintenance project known as water tank painting, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to clean one (1) of the two (2) wells at Cyr Street Pumping Station #1, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to appropriate from water revenue the sum of \$10,000.00 to be expended by the Water Commissioners to clean one (1) of the two (2) wells at Cyr Street Pumping Station #1.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to hire a company to inspect the inside and outside of the five (5) million gallon water tank as to its condition, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to appropriate from water revenue the sum of \$1,000.00 to be expended by the Water Commissioners to hire a company to inspect the inside and outside of the five (5) million gallon water tank as to its condition.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to purchase and insure a lawn mower for the Forestry Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to borrow the sum of \$12,400.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and insure a lawn mower for the Forestry Department.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY (1 NO).

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to be used for the purchase of a lawn mower trailer in cooperation with the proposed lawn mower purchase for the Forestry Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to appropriate from water revenue the sum of \$1,350.00 to be expended by the Water Commissioners to be used for the purchase of a lawn mower trailer in cooperation with the proposed lawn mower purchase for the Forestry Department.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to prepare a set of plans and bid specifications to construct a water tank on the Water Department's lot on Walnut Street, the scope of work to include field work, test borings, and all document preparation, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to appropriate from water revenue the sum of \$18,000.00 to be expended by the Water Commissioners to prepare a set of plans and bid specifications to construct a water tank on the Water Department's lot on Walnut Street, the scope of work to include field work, test borings and all document preparation.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize the Water Commissioners to enter into contracts and agreements and to accept gifts or grants that may become available to build a water tank on Walnut Street, and to authorize the Water Commissioners to build said tank, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AT 11:00 P.M. MEETING WILL RECONVENE AT 7:30 P.M., JUNE 15, 1993.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 15, 1993

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Warren E. Turner. There were 69 qualified residents in attendance. The meeting proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the Zoning By-Law known as the Watershed Resource Protection District Section, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by adding as section 11 under the heading of "DISTRICTS" the Watershed Resource Protection District as distributed at this meeting.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to purchase an emergency generator for the West Bridgewater Junior-Senior High School, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to update the fire alarm system at the West Bridgewater Jr.-Sr. High School, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That up to \$18,000.00 is appropriated for the cost of updating the fire alarm system at the West Bridgewater Jr.-Sr. High School; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$18,000.00 under the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Paragraph 7(22); and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to replace boilers at the Rose L. MacDonald School, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That up to \$75,000.00 is appropriated for the cost of replacing existing boilers at the Rose L. MacDonald School; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$75,000.00 under the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Paragraph 7(22); and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee for the cost of engineering and architectural services for plans and specifications for the rebuilding of the Howard School and for renovations on the Rose L. MacDonald School, the Junior-Senior High School and the Spring Street School, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That up to \$312,000.00 is appropriated for the cost of engineering and architectural services for plans and specifications for the rebuilding of the Howard School and for renovations on the Rose L. MacDonald School, the Junior-Senior High School and the Spring Street School; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$312,000.00 under the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Paragraph 7(22); and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Equal Educational Opportunity Grant for the Southeastern Regional School District for the fiscal year 1994 under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 70A, Section 5, as inserted by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985. Said grant shall be expended by the District School Committee for direct service expenditures with funds provided solely by the Commonwealth, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to accept an Equal Educational Opportunity Grant for the Southeastern Regional School District for the fiscal year 1994 under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 70A, Section 5, as inserted by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985. Said grant shall be expended by the District School Committee for direct service expenditures with funds provided solely by the Commonwealth.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money, in anticipation of reimbursement, to meet the State's share of the cost of work for state-aid construction and maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to borrow the sum of \$126,311.00, in anticipation of receiving 100% reimbursement from the State's 1991 Transportation Bond Issue, for the cost of work for the reconstruction and maintenance of Town roads.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a truck for the Highway Department and to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to dispose of a 1969 F800 in the best interests of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to borrow the sum of \$35,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a truck for the Highway Department, and to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to dispose of a 1969 F800 in the best interests of the Town.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a sander for the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to borrow the sum of \$8,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a sander for the Highway Department.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of exterior painting of the Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of interior painting of the Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of carpet installation in the first floor of the Town Hall instead of tile and repairs to damaged floor areas, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of tile replacement in the first floor of the Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of tile replacement in the first floor of the Town Hall.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of window replacement on the second floor of the Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase or lease/purchase a copy machine for the Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,600.00 for the first year (fiscal year 1994) to lease/purchase a copy machine for the Town Hall.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to upgrade and purchase computer equipment and software for the Building Inspection Department and Board of Selectmen's Office, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,300.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to upgrade and purchase computer equipment and software for the Building Inspection Department and Board of Selectmen's Office.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to purchase or lease two (2) voting machines for use at elections, or take any relative action thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to purchase two (2) voting machines for use at elections.

UPON VOTE, MOTION WAS DEFEATED IN A COUNTED VOTE; YES-17, NO-65

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Assessors to obtain a digital mapping system with aerial photography, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to borrow the sum of \$150,000 to be expended by the Board of Assessors to obtain digital mapping system with aerial photography.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to accept a way known as Timothy Drive and Bayberry Road as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and previously known and shown as High Oaks on the Subdivision Plan #75040 drawn by C.A. Pickering Associates, Inc., Surveyors, dated July, 1966 and prepared for Frederick Propas, approved by the Planning Board and recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, said layout having been filed with the Town Clerk pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 23, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its representatives to the General Court to support an amendment to the FY94 State budget to guarantee that Cities and Towns receive the full \$47 million growth in lottery revenues, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to instruct its representatives to the General Court to support an amendment to the FY94 State budget to guarantee that Cities and Towns receive the full \$47 million growth in lottery revenues.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Representatives to the General Court to support legislation filed by the Massachusetts Municipal Association that would establish in State law a Local Roads Fund in order to ensure a fair and predictable share of State gas tax collections for distribution to Cities and Towns for use on local roads, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The Town vote to instruct its Representatives to the General Court to support legislation filed by the Massachusetts Municipal Association that would establish in State law a Local Roads Fund in order to ensure a fair and predictable share of State gas tax collections for distribution to Cities and Towns for use on local roads.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to construct, equip and furnish a new public library, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to construct, equip and furnish a new public library.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED WITH A MAJORITY

ARTICLE 12. UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 54. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AT 9:07 P.M.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 15, 1993
WEST BRIDGEWATER JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL**

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Warren E. Turner at 8:05 P.M. with 168 qualified residents in attendance. The reading of the warrant was waived and the meeting proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 1993.

MOVE: The Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$87,700.00 to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 1993:

FROM:	Building Insurance	\$ 4,634.00
	Revaluation	11,000.00
	Solid Waste Disposal	11,000.00
	Short Term Interest	13,430.00
	Worker's Compensation	37,636.00
	Professional Liability	5,000.00
	State Unemployment	6,000.00
	Total	\$ 87,700.00
TO:	Board of Selectmen	4,000
	Town Counsel	26,400.00
	Fire Department	32,000.00
	Police Department	22,000.00
	Snow and Ice Control	3,300.00
	Total	\$ 87,700.00

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 2. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:20 P.M., PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 11, 1993**

A Special Election was held at the Howard/Spring Street School on September 11, 1993. The warrant was issued by the Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond E. Silva in accordance with the provisions of the Town's By-Laws.

Specimen Ballots, Cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the laws of the Commonwealth.

The polls were opened at 9:00 A.M. The ballot boxes in both precincts were inspected and the registers set at 0000. A total of 2,000 ballots were given to the Wardens, John B. Sillars and Joseph Kameese, and a receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same.

A the close of the polls at 8:00 P.M., the ballot boxes registered a total of 1083 votes were cast.

The following workers sworn in:

Precinct One. John Sillars, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Marie Cruz, Lucille Boyd, Helen Johnson, Karolyn Boyd, Checkers; Alice Richardson, Janet Merritt, Barbara Roulstone, Counters; Claire Davock, Lois Ketler, Tally.

Precinct Two. Joseph Kameese, Warden; Sharon Leonard, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Barbara Tufts, Nancy Morrison, Irene Willis, Checkers; Theresa Boardman, Katherine Chaves, Marie McCole, Counters; Anna Brown, JoAnn Sillars, Tally.

The results were as follows,

Question:

“Shall the Town of West Bridgewater be allowed to assess an Additional \$62,500 in real estate and personal property taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993, to provide funds for the employment by the Police Department of two additional police officers?”

Yes: 692

No: 390

Question Declared Passed

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 1993
WEST BRIDGEWATER JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL**

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, in excess of Proposition 2 1/2, a sum of money to fund the employment of two police officers for the West Bridgewater Police Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate, in excess of Proposition 2 1/2, the sum of \$62,500.00 to fund the employment of two police officers for the West Bridgewater Police Department.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk

SPECIAL ELECTION OCTOBER 16, 1993

A Special Election was held at the Howard/Spring Street School on October 16, 1993. The Warrant was issued by the Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond E. Silva in accordance with the provisions of the Town's By-Laws.

Specimen Ballots, cards of instructions and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the laws of the Commonwealth.

The polls were opened at 9:00 A.M. The ballot boxes in both precincts were inspected and the registers set at 0000. A total of 2,000 ballots were given to the Wardens, John B. Sillars and Bruce Holmquist, and a receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m., the ballot boxes registered a total of 1523 votes cast.

The following workers were sworn in:

Precinct One. Bruce Holmquist, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Marie Cruz, Lucille Boyd, Karolyn Boyd, Helen Johnson, Checkers; Marie McCole, Pamela Humphreys, Janet Merritt, Counters; JoAnn Sillars, Anna Brown, Tally.

Precinct Two. John Sillars, Warden; Sharon Leonard, Clerk; Barbara Tufts, Janet Beaulieu, Frances Brouillard, Irene Willis, Checkers; Alice Richardson, Joan McAndrew, Marie Bagley, Counters; Lois Ketler, Katherine Chaves, Tally.

Brent Peterson and Billy Thompson assisted with set-up.

The results were as follows:

Question:

"Shall the Town of West Bridgewater be allowed to assess an additional \$170,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding operating expenses for the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-three?"

Yes: 326

No: 1195

Question Defeated

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING J.O.Y. CENTER - HOWARD SCHOOL NOVEMBER 15, 1993

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Warren E. Turner at 7:30 p.m. with 57 qualified voters in attendance.

The reading of the Warrant was waived and the meeting proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Town's Stabilization Fund to Retirement of Debt, Acct. #7100 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$14,868.16 from the Town's Stabilization Fund to Retirement of Debt, Acct. #7100.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend its fiscal 1994 budget adopted under Article 5 at the Annual Town Meeting on June 14, 1994, by reducing the total amount of \$9,637,827.67 appropriated therefor by such sum as is necessary to bring the Town's tax levy within the tax levy limit established by the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To see if the Town will vote to amend its fiscal year 1994 budget, adopted under Article 5 at the Annual Town Meeting on June 14, 1993, by reducing the total amount of \$9,637,827.67 to be raised and appropriated therefor to a total amount of \$9,581,909.67 to be raised and appropriated therefor and that to accomplish such reduction of \$55,918.00 the amounts to be appropriated for the following departments for said fiscal year shall be revised as follows:

<u>DEPT.</u>	<u>REVISED APPROP.</u>
Selectmen	69,315.86
Fin. Com. Res.	20,131.00
Town Reports	2,000.00
Civil Defense	1,359.00
Education	4,900,634.00
S/E Reg.	70,196.00
Recycling	0.00
Bd. of Health	32,816.52
Ply. Cty. Rape	1,000.00
Self-Help	3,000.00
Library	139,308.00
Vets/Mem.	0.00
Short Term Int.	5,783.18
Health Ins.	536,300.00

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 3. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN 7:45 P.M.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1993

January

- 16 McKinley Ward, Jr.....McKinley Ward & Jacqueline Truell
- 17 Jordan Bruce BerryKenneth Bruce Berry & Roberta Jean Dunlevy
- 20 Tara Anne MentonJohn Richard Menton & Valerie Rose Messina
- 30 Kyle David Karcher.....David Frank Karcher & Julie Ann Alden

February

- 13 Craig Donovan Kincaid.....James Donovan Kincaid & Eileen Doris Simmons
- 17 Yousef Evrett-El HashemRaymond Hashem & Sheila May Taylor
- 26 Seanna Marie Cavanaugh.....Gerard William Cavanaugh & Doreen Mary Welch
- 27 Mark Maclean Trojano.....Steven Anthony Trojano & Sharon Elizabeth Pratt

March

- 5 Jason Scott ZerambyDavid Mark Zeramby & Maureen Claire Sheehan
- 11 Lillia Nina Eliasson-ParrottSteven Richard Eliasson-Parrott
& Nina Elizabeth Eliasson
- 18 Crystal Anne WhiteDouglas Eugene White & Julie Marie Chisholm
- 25 Craig Bryan BusseyRichard Francis Bussey & Michelle Ann Meurling

April

- 8 Lindsay Elizabeth KeithGary Stuart Keith & Candice Susan Christensen
- 24 Gabrielle Autumn ConroyVincent Patrick Conroy & Darlene Anne Decoff
- 24 Brianna Joyce Edith Palie.....Thomas Joseph Palie & Joyce Marie Cannuli

May

- 10 Alexander Robert IannitelliChristopher Daniel Iannitelli & Anne Gail James
- 16 Kathryn Florence Harris.....Richard Paul Harris & Sherrol Lynne Perry

June

- 3 Amanda Lynn ChambersRobert John Chambers & Wendy Marie Lyons
- 3 Katherine Anastasia ClarkeRichard E. Clarke & Kristin Anastatia Burgess
- 13 William Joseph Myers.....John Joseph Myers & Mary Anne Coe
- 23 Edwin Christopher FeinEdwin Kennedy Fein & Jeanne Marie Furey
- 29 Darren Joseph VaccaJoseph Vacca, Jr. & Kelly Joyce Kimball

- July
- 4 Taylor Christopher BradfordHenry Chase Bradford III & Nora Marie Torres
 - 5 Steven Joseph MolinariMichael John Molinari, Jr. & Janice Eileen Noe
 - 11 Jordan David Hutsell.....Robert Lane Hutsell & Victoria Ann Marie Smith
 - 28 Patrick George RobertsGeorge A. Roberts & Kathleen Carol Reynolds

- August
- 5 Colby Ann McCabe.....Daniel Creedon McCabe & Christine Carton
 - 16 Hayley Elyse Sylvester.....Brian Joseph Sylvester & Janice Anne Holcomb
 - 21 Meghan Elizabeth Nord.....Steven Patrick Nord & Mary Catherine Pita

- September
- 17 Amanda Rose EdlundEric Richard Edlund & Miriam Elizabeth Johnson
 - 21 Jason Anthony MarinoJoseph Anthony Marino & Amy Elizabeth Schlier
 - 21 Justin Anthony MarinoJoseph Anthony Marino & Amy Elizabeth Schlier
 - 21 Monica Lynn Pigeon.....John Lester Pigeon & Carol Jean McCormack
 - 22 Matthew David Pettinato ...Jonathan Josef Pettinato, Sr. & Michelle Marie Goyette
 - 25 Zachary William LowScott William Low & Denise Louise Weatherby

- October
- 4 Collin Bryce Baker.....Micheal Patrick Baker & Jane Marie Duquette
 - 4 Timothy Michael GrossJames Michael Gross & Patricia Louise Cotton
 - 15 Malhieek Apolinario DePina ...Maguel Fragozo DePina & Faustina Fatima Rodriges
 - 17 Jason Peter JohansenKenneth Roy Johansen & Debra Marie Foley
 - 29 Jonathan Clark Ames, II.....Jonathan Clark Ames & Lisa Eugenio Eugenio
 - 29 Kelsey Ann Francesshelli.....Stephen Guy Francesshelli & Kathleen Marie Morrill

- November
- 3 Nicole Therese McGuiganJames Donald McGuigan & Cynthia Abbie Rounds
 - 3 Kristen Sarah PensingerLoren Pensinger & Donna Marie Dupuy

- December
- 9 Julie Ann SammonStephen Patrick Sammon & Merleen Ann Murad
 - 12 Rachel Lynn Olson.....Guy Donald Olson & Susan Frances Delraso
 - 15 Mikala Forrester Murad.....Peter James Murad & Michele Cherie Forrester
 - 15 Hanna Lynne PrestonMichael Joseph Preston & Nancy Lynne Jackson
 - 17 Kelleen Marie HeaveyMartin John Heavey & Deanna Marie Toye
 - 17 Martin Thomas Heavey.....Martin John Heavey & Deanna Marie Toye
 - 19 Marie Catherine Orlando.....John Louis Orlando & Mary Catherine Preston
 - 24 Seth Michael Farnham.....Steven Alan Farnham & Suzanne Marie Hastings
 - 30 Mary Katherine Nelson.....John Robert Nelson, Sr. & Ruth Marie Horan

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1993

January

- 9 Edwin Kennedy Fein of Plymouth and Jeanne Marie Furey of West Bridgewater

March

- 13 Stanley B. Deree of West Bridgewater and Betty A. Buckley of West Bridgewater

April

- 17 Carmelo Nicolosi of West Bridgewater and Deborah Anne Endler of West Bridgewater
- 17 Jean-Claude Saint-Louis of Roslindale and Lucia Jean Charles of Easton
- 17 Michael David Tenebaum of Brockton and Mary I. Melia of N. Easton
- 24 Robert James Vinskus of West Bridgewater and Denise Harvey of West Bridgewater

May

- 1 Emmanuel Joseph Costa of West Bridgewater and Suzanne Marchionda of Brockton

June

- 5 Paul Matthew Lanoue of Machias, ME and Victoria Lee Walston of Machias, ME
- 12 Daniel Paul Mason of West Bridgewater and Michelle Rose Macrina of West Bridgewater
- 12 Joseph M. Souza of West Bridgewater and Donna M. Burns of Norwood
- 19 Antonio N. Vardaro of Bridgewater and Ann E. Rolfe of Bridgewater
- 25 John A. Sylvester of S. Easton and Kathleen F. Warmington of West Bridgewater
- 26 Michael Andrew Adams of West Bridgewater and Vera-Daina Borges of Brockton
- 26 William Richard Finch of Carver and Cynthia Louise Centrella of Carver
- 26 Peter Edward Hart of College Park, MD and Cara Ann Petrie of West Bridgewater

July

- 3 Edward Bert Soderlund, Jr. of Mansfield and Karin Mary Johnson of Mansfield
- 17 Scott Richard DeYoung of Brockton and Deanne Marie Rearick of Brockton
- 24 Norman I. Berkowitz of West Bridgewater and Elizabeth Anne DuBois of West Bridgewater
- 31 Robert E. Pacheco of West Bridgewater and Donna Marie Menard of West Bridgewater

August

- 21 Raymond Nicholas Pacheco of S. Easton and Leanne Dorothy Kovatis of S. Easton
- 22 Michael Charles Tranfaglia of South Easton and Kim Louise Anderson of West Bridgewater
- 28 Rene Dominique La Fleur of Verdun, Canada and Ann Bronwen Howell of West Bridgewater
- 30 John J. DiLoreto of West Bridgewater and Mary Ann Cronin of West Bridgewater

September

- 4 Gary Michael Messina of West Bridgewater and Roberta Rose Balboni of West Bridgewater
- 11 Michael Francis Conroy, Jr. of West Bridgewater and Patrice Anne Sorey of West Bridgewater
- 18 Gilbert Gergi El-Chami of West Bridgewater and Colleen Marie Foley of West Bridgewater
- 18 Jeffrey Clinton Metcalf of West Bridgewater and Kimberly Anne Greene of West Bridgewater
- 18 Scott Michael Settino of Brockton and Deneen Michelle Brown of Brockton
- 24 Richard Hoyt Coffill of West Bridgewater and Elizabeth Ann Courtemanche of West Bridgewater
- 25 Ricky John Butrick of Plymouth and Cynthia Rose Bartlett of Plymouth
- 25 Robert L. Smith of West Bridgewater and Beth Ann Roll of Brockton

October

- 16 John Thomas Dwyer of E. Taunton and Annemarie DiBona of E. Taunton
- 23 Dominic Louis Antonangeli of West Bridgewater and Leslie Ann Taylor of West Bridgewater
- 23 Jeffrey A. Black of West Bridgewater and Elizabeth Theresa Martineau of West Bridgewater
- 23 Dana Roy Leonard of Brockton and Jacqueline Ann Smith of Brockton
- 23 Daniel Joseph O'Connor III of N. Attleboro and Elaine Claire Tremblay of Fall River
- 23 Jason Douglas Tolderlund of Worcester and Maura Louise Herrera of Worcester
- 23 Howard William Vradenburgh of Campbell Hall, NY and Cheryl Ann Dearing of Campbell Hall, NY

November

- 5 James Anthony Sweeney of S. Easton and Marcia Ann Niccoli of Brockton
- 14 Russell Paul Stoehr of Carver and Annette Amaral of Taunton
- 27 Paul Anthony Marino of Bridgewater and Linda Marie Perry of Bridgewater

December

- 18 Roscoe Andrew Cole III of West Bridgewater and Heather E. Monahan of West Bridgewater
- 31 Richard Edward Willis, Jr. of West Bridgewater and Patricia Marie Greene-Willis of West Bridgewater

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1993

January

Bruce Edson
Edmund W. Fenton
Herbert W. Alexander
James W. Hodgson
Katherine Deibel

February

Raymond Elmer Johnson
Lillian Hannah McGarry
Henry T. Nelson, Jr.

March

Stephen David Smith

April

Mildred Tarantino
Charles J. Rosnell
Alton John Easton
Eva Tourigny

May

Charles J. Higgins
Alberta G. Wardwell

June

Gerald William Spencer
Garobed Alden Alexander

July

Karen LaPlante
Marie Elizabeth Morehouse
Rilla Lucille Young
Francis AKA Frank Halpin
Herbert Clark
Fernando P. Escalante Pomar
Thomas J. Lydon

August

Glenford W. Dow
Florindo F. Balboni

September

John Joseph Godsill
John Jason, Jr.
Antone Peters
Olga A. Devine
William Bates

October

Rita Sargo
Frank Alfieri
Clifford Rogers
Dorothy Fongellaz
Lester J. Shepard
Dorothy Seyfert
Harvey Allen Scranton, Jr.

November

Joseph Dodd
Marie Fullerton
Robert Almquist
Carole Nye
Elena R. Ripley
Loretta Dalton
Mary Murdock

December

George Dalton
Richard Frederick Colburn, Jr.

LATE REPORTED DEATHS FOR 1992

November

Lawrence E. Olson

December

Lillian C. Kingston

TOWN CLERK RECEIPTS - 1993

Fish & Game/Comm. of Massachusetts	\$ 11,611.00
Fish & Game Fees/General Fund	315.45
Dog Licenses	6,202.00
Misc. Licenses (includes building permits)	<u>136,008.59</u>
Total	\$154,137.04

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group June 30, 1993

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Proprietary Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>		<u>Account Group</u>		<u>Totals</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Trust</u>	<u>General Long Term Debt</u>	<u>Memorandum Only</u>		
Cash and cash investments	\$ 381,993	\$ 228,327	\$ 6,460	\$ 117,510	\$ 100,980	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 835,270	
Receivables:									
Property taxes & excises	1,418,485	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,418,485	
Charges for services	-	-	-	172,639	-	-	-	172,639	
Departmental	145,979	-	-	-	-	-	-	145,979	
Fixed assets	-	-	-	638,000	-	-	-	638,000	
Amount to be provided for the retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,605,824	2,605,824	
Total Assets	\$ 1,946,457	\$ 228,327	\$ 6,460	\$ 928,149	\$ 100,980	\$ 2,605,824	\$ 2,605,824	\$ 5,816,197	
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY									
Liabilities:									
Warrants payable	\$ 452,607	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 452,607	
Other liabilities	53,603	-	-	-	-	-	-	53,603	
Deferred revenues	1,412,118	-	-	638,000	-	-	-	1,412,118	
General obligation bonds payable	-	-	-	-	-	2,605,824	-	3,243,824	
Total Liabilities	1,918,328	-	-	638,000	-	2,605,824	-	5,162,152	
Fund Balances:									
Reserved for encumbrances	90,129	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 90,129	
Reserved for endowment	-	-	-	-	68,627	-	-	68,627	
Unreserved:									
Teacher deferral	(471,712)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(471,712)	
Undesignated	409,712	228,327	6,460	-	32,353	-	-	676,852	
Retained Earnings	-	-	-	290,149	-	-	-	290,149	
Total Fund Equity	28,129	228,327	6,460	290,149	100,980	-	-	654,045	
Total Liabilities and Fund equity	\$ 1,946,457	\$ 228,327	\$ 6,460	\$ 928,149	\$ 100,980	\$ 2,605,824	\$ 2,605,824	\$ 5,816,197	

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in fund Balance -All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds, For the Year Ended June 30, 1993

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	<u>Totals</u>
		<u>Special Revenues</u>		<u>Expendable Trust Funds</u>	<u>Memorandum Only</u>
Revenues:					
Taxes and excises	6,939,337	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,939,337
Departmental	56,662	-	-	-	56,662
Licenses and permits	79,136	-	-	-	79,136
Intergovernmental	1,848,053	393,960	-	-	2,242,013
Charges for services	100,864	505,597	-	-	606,461
Interest earnings	21,475	-	-	-	21,475
Fines and forfeitures	130,665	-	-	-	130,665
Other	7,742	125,603	-	-	133,345
Total Revenue	9,183,934	325,160	-	-	9,209,094
Expenditures					
General government	456,574	-	-	-	456,574
Public safety	1,537,040	144,824	100,777	-	1,782,641
Education	4,858,445	439,486	-	-	5,297,931
Public works	451,007	68,847	8,070	-	527,924
Human Services	77,840	-	-	-	77,840
Culture and recreation	146,720	-	2,054	-	148,774
Debt service	367,759	-	-	-	367,759
Intergovernmental	133,933	-	-	-	133,933
Insurance and benefits	933,476	-	-	-	933,476
Other	55,151	235,435	-	2,641	293,227
Total Expenditures	9,017,945	388,592	110,901	2,641	9,020,079
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	165,989	136,568	(10,901)	2,641	189,015
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Proceeds of long-term debt	-	-	422,824	-	422,824
Operating transfers in	24,356	-	227,600	3,115	255,071
Operating transfers (out)	-	(71,553)	-	-	(71,553)
Total Other Financing Sources (uses)	24,356	(71,553)	650,424	3,115	406,342

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in fund Balance - All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds Continued, For the Year Ended June 30, 1993

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary		Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenues	Fund Types Expendable Trust Funds	Memorandum Only	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	190,345	(134,985)	474	595,357	
Fund Balance, beginning, as restated	<u>(162,217)</u>	<u>363,312</u>	<u>31,879</u>	<u>(300,089)</u>	
Fund Balance, ending	\$ <u>28,128</u>	\$ <u>228,327</u>	\$ <u>32,353</u>	\$ <u>295,268</u>	

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance For the Year Ended June 30, 1993

	Federal Catalogue Number	Fund Balance 6/30/92	Revenue Recognized		Expenditures		Fund Balance 6/30/93
			Federal	Other	Federal	Other	
U.S. Department of Agriculture Passed Through State Department of Nutrition School Lunch Program	10.555	(6,015)	\$ 35,108	\$ 152,529	\$35,108	182,673	(36,159)
U.S. Department of Education Passed Through State Department of Education Title VI B P.L. 94-142	84.027	4,259	57,392	-	60,255	-	1,396
Chapter II ECIA P.L. 97-35	84.151	1,242	3,015	-	3,482	-	775
Chapter I ECIA P.L. 97-35	84.151	6,441	52,527	-	46,401	-	12,567
Totals - Department of Education		<u>11,942</u>	<u>112,934</u>	-	<u>110,138</u>	-	<u>14,738</u>
Department of Health and Human Services Drug Free Schools Police D.A.R.E.	13.155	601	4,654	-	5,255	-	-
Total - Department of Health and Human Services		<u>1,032</u>	<u>5,854</u>	-	<u>6,886</u>	-	-
Total - All Programs		<u>6,959</u>	<u>\$ 153,896</u>	<u>\$ 152,529</u>	<u>\$ 152,132</u>	<u>\$ 182,673</u>	<u>(21,421)</u>

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Summary of Long-Term Debt at June 30, 1993 (in thousands of dollars)

	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate (%)</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Date of Maturity</u>	<u>Total Long-Term Debt</u>
Long-Term Debt:					
Inside Debt:					
Howard School roof bonds	\$ 125	6.8	07/07/88	07/07/96	\$ 50
Police Station bonds	650	6.0-6.5	07/01/88	07/01/02	425
School bonds - boiler	143	6.6	08/15/89	08/15/97	79
Library construction bonds	1,600	6.6	08/15/89	08/15/08	1,345
School Planning bonds	25	6.6	08/15/89	08/15/93	4
Fire truck	60	4.0	05/18/93	06/09/96	60
Robery farm	262	4.0	05/18/93	06/09/03	262
Cruiser	15	4.0	05/18/93	06/09/97	15
Ambulance	85	4.0	05/18/93	06/09/97	85
Outside Debt:					
Water bonds	670	6.2	07/01/87	07/01/02	340
Water bonds	52	6.6	08/15/89	08/15/98	34
Water bonds	115	6.6	08/15/89	08/15/08	93
Water bonds - new wells	225	6.6	08/15/89	08/15/08	171
School roof bonds	400	7.2	12/15/89	12/15/99	280
Total All Debt Outstanding					\$ 3,243

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Statement of Revenues and Other Sources, and Expenditures and Other Uses - Budget and Actual-General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 1993

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues and Other sources:			
Taxes & excises	\$ 6,843,454	\$ 7,000,397	\$ 156,943
Departmental	53,150	56,662	3,512
Licenses and Permits	62,723	79,136	16,413
Intergovernmental	1,624,994	1,848,053	223,059
Charges for services	64,788	100,864	36,076
Interest earnings	75,967	21,475	(54,492)
Fines & forfeitures	120,000	130,665	10,665
Other revenue	995	7,742	6,747
Teacher deferral	471,712	471,712	
Transfer in		24,356	24,356
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Total Revenues and Other Sources	9,317,783	9,741,062	423,279
Expenditures and Other uses:			
General government	481,978	479,430	2,548
Public safety	1,482,244	1,537,040	(54,796)
Education	4,830,313	4,828,322	1,991
Public works	471,432	451,007	20,425
Health & human services	72,264	77,840	(5,576)
Culture & recreation	146,400	146,699	(299)
Debt service	384,612	367,759	16,853
Intergovernmental	137,219	133,933	3,286
Insurance and benefits	1,005,269	955,224	50,045
Other expenditures	55,500	55,438	62
Teacher deferral	235,856	235,856	-
Other uses	14,696	14,696	-
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Total Expenditures and Other Uses	9,317,783	9,283,244	34,539
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other sources	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 457,818</u>	<u>\$ 457,818</u>

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Equity All Proprietary Fund Types and Non-Expendable Trust Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 1993

	Propriety Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type Non-Expendable	Total (Memorandum Only)
	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Trust Fund</u>	
Operating Revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 595,919	\$ -	\$ 595,919
Total Revenues	<u>595,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>595,919</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Personal services	166,157		166,157
Non-personnel services	236,307		236,307
Depreciation	89,000		89,000
Total Expenses	<u>491,464</u>	<u></u>	<u>491,464</u>
Operating Income (loss)	104,455		104,455
Non-Operating Revenues and Exp			
Interest income	-	3,115	3,115
Net Non-Operating Expense	<u>-</u>	<u>3,115</u>	<u>3,115</u>
Income before operating transfers	104,455	3,115	107,570
Operating transfers in (out)	<u>19,597</u>	<u>(3,115)</u>	<u>16,482</u>
Net income (loss)	124,052		124,052
Fund equity, beginning	<u>166,097</u>	<u>68,627</u>	<u>234,724</u>
Fund equity, ending	<u>\$ 290,149</u>	<u>\$ 68,627</u>	<u>\$ 358,776</u>

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of West Bridgewater, we, the members of the Board of Assessors, submit our annual report.

Appraisal Consultants of New England completed the 100% revaluation of real and personal property during 1993 for fiscal 1994. Despite the small gain in residential property, the Town did benefit from growth in the completion of some previous started industrial and commercial property.

The Board of Assessors would like to extend their thanks to the townspeople for approving their request for the tax mapping program.

East Coast Mapping, Inc. was awarded the contract and will proceed with the initial stages of the program in the spring of 1994. The assessors will keep the townspeople informed on the progress of the work. There will be a disclosure week set aside for those interested in reviewing the mapping and to ask questions of the mapping company.

The completion of the mapping program will give the assessors and the public mapping information that is accurate and up-to-date.

Again, the assessors want to thank the townspeople and the various departments for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully,
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Gary A. Boyd, Chairman
DeSales Heath, Clerk
Irving Puffer, Member

REPORT OF THE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The West Bridgewater Cable Television Advisory Committee held five meetings in 1993, all open to the public. Most meetings were attended by a representative of Continental Cablevision of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc. The meetings have been held in the Meeting Room of the West Bridgewater Public Library.

The local programming studio has been relocated to the Howard Farms Marketplace. The location was chosen for its accessibility for both the Town and the school, and with the hope of some permanency. It opened in the last quarter of the year, and is active.

On October 6, 1992, Congress passed the Cable Television Consumer Protection Act of 1992, to go into effect December 4, 1992. The Federal Communications Commission has started to write regulations implementing the legislation, resulting in the restructuring of subscriber's bills, and requiring cable operators to negotiate with over-the-air broadcasters for retransmission consent. It is hoped that the changes will settle out by the end of 1994.

The number of cable television subscribers as of December 31, 1993: 1,764

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Bagley, Chairman
Peter Turner, Clerk
Michael Feresten, Member

Donald L. Miller, Jr., Vice Chairman
Julio Miglierini, Member
Edward Patenaude, Member

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

TRUST FUNDS	Balance as of 6/30/92	Interest Earned	Funds Expended	Balance as of 6/30/93
Cemeteries				
Pleasant Hill	\$ 5,421.59	\$ 169.26		\$ 5,590.85
Pine Hill	3,936.45	123.01		4,059.46
Town Cemeteries	11,923.53	372.31		12,295.84
	21,281.57	664.58		21,946.15
Library Trust Funds				
#1	15,806.80	493.54	615.45	15,684.89
#2	6,220.32	194.26	194.26	6,414.58
#3	16,421.54	512.83	512.83	16,934.37
	38,448.66	1,200.63	615.45	39,033.84
Gladys Cole Library Fund	11,067.28	345.61		11,412.89
Curtis Memorial Library Fund	7,118.25	283.57		7,401.82
W.J. & A.C. Howard Scholarship Fund	6,579.10	205.33	750.00	6,034.43
Drury Bell Fund				
General Fund	678.13	21.16		699.29
Scholarship	233.03	9.42		242.45
Stabilization	14,481.38	347.40		14,828.78

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Duggan
Treasurer-Collector

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Tax Collector's report for Fiscal Year 1993

Year	7/1/92 Outstanding	Commitment	Abatements	Refunds	Collections	6/30/93 Outstanding
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE						
1988	12,927.79				(1,340.22)	11,587.57
1989	22,970.29				(5,837.06)	17,133.23
1990	19,914.59				(8,907.91)	11,006.68
1991	29,499.82				(17,674.84)	11,824.98
1992	40,307.92	20,817.28	(369.52)	3,829.03	(36,308.03)	28,276.68
1993	0.00	444,953.86	(4,703.42)	0.00	(358,837.06)	54,413.38
TOTAL	125,620.41	465,771.14	(5,072.94)	3,829.03	(455,905.12)	134,242.52
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES						
1991	16,485.85					16,485.85
1992	17,101.90				(1,254.65)	15,847.25
1993	0.00	250,988.42			(232,434.78)	18,553.64
TOTAL	33,587.75	250,988.42			(233,689.43)	50,886.74
REAL ESTATE TAXES						
1988	36,904.13				(17,032.38)	19,871.75
1989	46,703.75				(21,309.51)	25,394.24
1990	90,162.77	1,447.42			(28,714.22)	62,895.97
1991	306,219.56	1,563.21	(6,634.34)	3,319.73	(184,163.02)	120,305.14
1992	602,332.54	332.64	(7,271.25)	15,527.58	(279,006.84)	331,914.67
1993	0.00	6,085,300.14	(60,213.00)	0.00	(5,417,960.47)	607,126.67
TOTAL	1,082,322.75	6,088,643.41	(74,118.59)	18,847.31	(5,948,186.44)	1,167,508.44

Year	7/1/92 Outstanding	Commitment	Abatements	Refunds	Collections	6/30/93 Outstanding
WATER USE CHARGES						
1993 & Prior Penalties/1990 Penalties/1992	85,015.46	602,382.09	(24,432.36)		(523,623.02)	139,342.17
	8,200.00		(549.28)			8,200.00
	17,400.00					16,850.72
TOTAL	110,615.46	602,382.09	(24,981.61)		(523,623.02)	164,392.89
WATER LIENS RECEIVABLES						
1986	244.00					244.00
1987	1,135.00					1,135.00
1988	443.51					443.51
1989	0.00				(577.50)	0.00
1990	6,958.97				(577.50)	6,381.47
TOTAL	8,781.48				(577.50)	8,203.98
INTEREST & CHARGES COLLECTED						
Real Estate						136,116.83
Motor Vehicles						16,795.18
Water						2,352.90
TOTAL						155,264.91
						Respectfully submitted,
						John G. Duggan
						Treasurer-Collector

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the residents of West Bridgewater, we the members of the Planning Board, submit this annual report of our activities for the year 1993.

The Board held twenty three (23) regular meetings throughout the year plus three (3) Special meetings. There were five (5) approval not required plans (Form A); a modified subdivision approval and; two (2) earth removal requests processed. A public hearing was held on the Watershed Resource Protection By Law.

A great amount of our time was spent in dealing with problems from older subdivisions that got caught up in the economic hard times of the last few years. We were fortunate with the "Settler's Glen" subdivision that there was adequate surety to finish the roads. The "Country Farm Estates" subdivision is progressing and should be finished in the near future. The "Mill Pond Estates" subdivision is being constructed after a delay. The Board made inspections of all subdivision construction, and wish to thank the Highway Superintendent, Donald Newman for his assistance and knowledge in this matter.

We accepted, with regret, the resignation from the Board of Stephen Wood. Mr. James Henderson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The Planning Board wishes to express its appreciation for the cooperation it has received from all Town Departments in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh R. Hurley, Chairman
Grete M. Bohannon, Vice Chairperson
Gerald E. Stetson, Clerk
Howard A. Anderson
James H. Henderson

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and residents of West Bridgewater:

The following is the report of the Dog Officer for the Canine Control Department for 1993:

The past several years of severe budget cuts have created a crippling effect to this department's established functions, namely protecting animals' interests and welfare while still protecting residents health, safety and property. I have worked very hard to develop innovative adaptable service programs aimed to exceed the needs of the community. Regretfully, those programs have been eliminated due to restraints imposed, which is a disappointment to me personally. A department whose main function should be geared to responding to citizens complaints and the removal of animals from streets that are causing problems and who can not perform this service, is seriously lacking. This department is without and in dire need of the following:

1. A Town maintained, properly equipped vehicle to transport injured and impounded animals in a safe and humane manner.

2. Secure, readily available kennel, for housing stray and abandoned dogs as well as for confining aggressive dogs and quarantining purposes.

3. More hours established in which to do the job effectively.

4. Equipment to perform tasks that my department is responsible for by law.

5. A Rabie Protocol Program up and working.

Only 4 dogs could be picked up and impounded this year. In 1988, before the budget cuts, 175 dogs were removed from the Town streets. It can not be determined under present operating conditions if loose dogs are licensed or inoculated or coming into contact with wildlife carrying rabies. We are losing revenue from licenses, late fees and fines.

Records are kept on all incoming calls. Wildlife calls are passed on to the Environmental Police, bites are reported to the Board of Health, lost and found dogs and cats are kept on file, late license notices, warnings, logs, bills, reminders and rabie fact sheets and all related office paperwork is being completed.

At this time I would like to thank the citizens of West Bridgewater who are responsible pet owners, the Classic Lassie Grooming Shop in East Bridgewater for providing free grooming to a real sweet stray who got a new home. A special thanks to Dr. Andelman for his participation in the Rabie Protocol Program and his continued support to this department's efforts, to the West Bridgewater Police Officers who have responded to calls beyond my scheduled hours and have unselfishly given of their time and efforts to assist the Towns animal population and this fiscally strapped department in these tight economic times.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Vivace
Dog Officer
Canine Control Dept.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and residents of West Bridgewater:

My annual report for the year 1993 is as follows:

Resurfacing Type I-1

Chapter 90 funding with 100% reimbursement to the Town provided the means to resurface Belmont Street, Copeland Street, a 1,400' section of Manley Street Extension was pulverized, regraded and resurfaced, Howard Street from N. Main to Route 106 was also blacktopped. Chapter 133 Grant monies in the amount of \$51,000 enabled the Town to resurface Lincoln Street, Prospect Street, Bryant Street and 750' of Spring Street.

New Construction

Because the entire construction budget decreased from \$58,000 to \$35,000, we were able only to perform a selective number of repairs such as painting roadways, cleaning catch basins, cold patch for winter usage, pay electric bills, purchase tools and supplies, asphalt for water trenches, and pay for gas and oil.

Drainage

Due to an emergency with drainage, the Highway Department repaired four catch basins due to salt deterioration on Matfield Street. There are over 676 catch basins in Town with several requiring repairs annually.

Maintenance

The four men of the Highway Department spent all summer sweeping streets, picking trash, picking up dead animals, sweeping up after minor accidents, mowing roadsides. The Highway Department spent several weeks repairing wheel ruts before winter set in which proved to be very beneficial as we were able to hold together some very poor sections of roadways even though we had the most severe winter on record. Our fleet maintenance was performed continuously on a daily basis in order to keep the following inventory in working order: 1993 F800 dump truck purchased new last year, 1987 LN9000 dump truck purchased used, and a 1980 F800 dump truck--all used for sanding and plowing. Also, a 1989 F350 1 Ton dump truck and a 1986 F350 1 Ton dump truck used for plowing only. Also, a 1986 LTD in need of multiple repairs, a 1970 Elgin street sweeper, a 1971 950 caterpillar front end loader, a 1975 F800 Louisville for general heavy duty maintenance, a 1975 side walk plow, and a 1975 Ford roadside mower.

Snow

The four men of the Highway Department put in the hardest winter on record. We sometimes had two major snow storms in a week which meant no sleep and improper eating. We put up with freezing rain which meant sanding and snow which meant plowing. The two men of the Forestry Department assisted us when our own men became exhausted.

Transfer Station

This will be my final report for the Transfer Station as it will once again fall under the Board of Health. It continues to be a well run facility by its attendant Richard Jefferson who receives the praises of townspeople for his friendly assistance. The sticker fee is \$35.00 for the first residential vehicle and \$5.00 for the second vehicle in the family.

I wish to praise the men of the Highway Department for their diligence and loyalty in assuming the almost impossible task of keeping the roads safe for the residents and general motoring public. I extend my thanks also to the men of the Forestry Department and to the hired contractors for their excellent job and help in snow removal. I should like to thank a very special person, Beth Faricy, your Administrative Assistant, for her unfailing support and kindness to this department throughout the year. She has always been there and is a wonderful asset to the Town. To my wife and my daughter for being there--thank you.

Respectfully,

Donald E. Newman
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

During the year 1993, the Board of Appeals held 10 public hearings. These hearings dealt with the following:

Variance requests dealing with setbacks	5
Change of zoning requests	1
Sign variances.....	2
Special permit requests.....	1

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Lucini, Chairman
Michael D. Feresten
Walter Thayer
Lars (Gary) Eliasson
George O. Merritt
Associate Members:
John DeCosta, Jr.
James Henderson

REPORT OF THE MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and residents of West Bridgewater:

During the year 1993, the Mobile Home Rent Control Board held meetings in the Town Hall.

In January of 1993, the Rent Control Board granted a rent increase in the matter of the Petition of American Manufacture Home Trust for a rent adjustment at Matfield Woods Mobile Home Park. This increase became effective March 1, 1993.

The Discontinuance Application initiated by the Owner of Beacon Mobile Home Park is awaiting disposition pending Court action.

The members of the Rent Control Board are happy to be of service to the Town, and to the owners and the residents of Beacon Mobile Home Park and Matfield Woods Mobile Home Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Barros, Chairman
Robert McKean, Vice Chairman
Irene Churchill, Secretary
Venison Turner
Lauren Finch

REPORT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

In continuation of our cosmetic face lift of our buildings on Esther Drive, we have installed new rear doors on our Community Building, opening up a beautiful rear view of the grounds. The office and laundry etc. have been painted by our maintenance man and new curtains have been donated and installed by the Tenants Association. We are in the process of updating our antiquated fire alarm and security systems for the tenants' protection. We celebrated our 21st year with a luscious PIG ROAST put on by the Board of Directors. All were invited. In the Springtime we are looking forward to improving the grounds and shrubs. Our Community hall and office continue to be the hub of Esther Drive, what with Church Services the Visiting Nurses seminars and check ups...along with the Tenants Association gatherings.

We express our thanks to the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, the Highway Department, along with the Fire and Police Depts. for all the assistance they afforded us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert M. Greiner, Executive Director
Richard C. Williams, Chairman
Raymund Rogers, Vice Chairman & State Rep.
Jean Freitas, Treasurer
Joan Johnson, Asst. Treasurer
John Cruz, Member

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater, the Conservation Commission hereby submits its annual report for 1993.

We have seen an increase in building in the year 1993, such as a large addition to a project on United Drive, a nursing facility at the Bridgewater line and another one on West Center Street. These projects have been somewhat of a problem because of wetlands that hamper the location of the buildings. One of the problems is that all of the good land is nearly gone and the land near the wetlands are now being considered for building.

We have issued some Enforcement Orders in some cases. We have tried to clean up the finished filings so that the Certificates of Compliance can be issued if the work has been satisfactorily done accordingly to the Order of Conditions.

One of the good things is that we now have a secretary who takes our minutes as we have had some court litigation in trying to enforce the Wetland Protection Act.

It would make our position a much easier one if the citizens of the Town would come before us when there are wetlands involved in their projects, rather than try to circumvent the issues..

The Conservation Commission wishes to thank the other boards and departments for their continuous help and thoughtfulness in helping us to make our Town a better place in the environment.

Respectfully,

Howard M. Hayward, Chairman
Linda Greene, Member
Quentin Holmes, Member
Joseph Souza, Member
J. James Lorry, Member

REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater.

As your representative to the Old Colony Planning Council, we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 1993.

The Old Colony Planning Council is established by state statute as the Regional Planning Agency for fifteen communities in the greater Brockton-Plymouth areas and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the District. As the designated Regional Planning Agency, the Council serves as a clearing-house for federal and state grant program applications, a data and information center, a component in the environmental review process, and reviews applications for state financial assistance loan programs. In addition, the Council is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation planning; is designed as an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration; and, is the Area Agency for Aging for the planning and administration of Elder Services for a twenty-three community area of Southeastern Massachusetts.

Each municipality is represented on the Council by one delegate and one alternate delegate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, employ the professional staff and determine the activities of the Council to be carried out by the staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the Council offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA.

In 1993 the Old Colony Planning Council completed a series of forums on the topic of Regionalism which were presented in response to an increased interest in intermunicipal cooperation by local officials and driven by the difficult financial conditions at the local community level. The Council was supported in this effort by the Martin Institute of Stonehill College and other state, regional and county organizations. There is a high level of interest in the ways that local government services might be delivered more efficiently and less costly through various means and these are being and will be continued to be pursued through the Council's efforts.

In 1993 the Council elected James A. Kassos the Delegate from Brockton as the Council President; John G. Mather of Halifax as Council Secretary; and Eldon F. Moreira of West Bridgewater as Council Treasurer. During the year, the Council's Executive Director Daniel M. Crane, was voted the Outstanding Executive Director of a Regional Council in New England by the New England Association of Regional Councils and presented with an award.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities, the participation and involvement of the members of the Joint Transportation Committee chaired by Mr. Stephen Baker; the Overall Economic Development Committee chaired by Mr. Joseph Joseph; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee chaired by Ms. Delores Kent. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldon Moreira, Delegate
Nancy Bresciani, Alternate

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to thank the Citizens of West Bridgewater for approving the override to fund two full time police officers. Officer Joyce Graf is attending the 18 week Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council as of January 24, 1994 in Plymouth, Mass. Unfortunately Officer Victor Flaherty received a fractured leg in assisting other officers to affect an arrest and his attendance at the Plymouth Academy had to be cancelled. He will now attend an academy in Foxboro starting April 4, 1994.

Four new Permanent Intermittent Officers have been appointed to replace five that we have lost due to assignment to full time status and because of retirements. This will give us four new part time officers to call upon when needed.

New semi-automatic weapons and holsters have been purchased from funding supplied by a special article at the last Annual Town Meeting. All officers have received training required in the use of the new weapons and they are now in use.

We have not had a computer system for about eight months and have not been able to enter arrests or any other statistics. This is of great concern and the annual figures of crimes and investigations at the end of this report are not guaranteed to be accurate.

We are in the process of having a new system installed which will give us the ability to keep records, but it is not a long term solution. We received a \$5,000.00 donation from a local business to enable us to do this.

Officer Donald Clark was chosen as the officer from West Bridgewater to receive The Officer of the Year Award by M.A.D.D. which is Mother's Against Drunk Drivers. M.A.D.D. is an effective organization which monitors court cases involving Operating Under the Influence of Liquor. They also actively lobby at the State House for stricter

stricter laws governing Operating Under the Influence. They have members from West Bridgewater who have lost a family member to a drunk driver but anyone can join and support their effort. Officer Clark was honored at a banquet held at the Halifax Country Club.

The Enhanced 911 emergency telephone reporting system is progressing on schedule. The paperwork is up to date and physical changes to the building required to accommodate the equipment needed to implement E911 has been done by the staff and students from Southeastern Regional Vocational High School at very little cost to the Town. I would like to thank the administration and staff of the school as they have performed work at the police station every time they have been asked to do so. The staff and students have always performed in a professional manner and have been an asset to the Town.

Again, I would like to thank the members of the police department for their cooperation during the year. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen and their Administrative Assistant and the Finance Committee for their never ending efforts to enable the Police Department to provide necessary services to the Town. The cooperation displayed from other Town departments, boards and officers is greatly appreciated also. It is also of great comfort to the Police Department to see the positive response from the citizens and voters of West Bridgewater in providing their support to make it possible to provide the manpower and equipment required to perform the services the Police Department is required to deliver.

Yours truly,

Howard R. Anderson
Chief

I herewith submit the Annual Report of the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 1993.

Breaking & Entering.....	103
Larceny	191
Arrests (Total).....	712
Protective Custody.....	142
Assault	24
Robberies	5
Breaks (Residential & Commercial)	103
Larceny More & Less.....	183
Rapes.....	3
Attempted Rapes.....	2
Indecent Assault & Battery	3
Operating Under the Influence.....	5
Open & Gross Lewdness	9
Child Abuse	10

MISCELLANEOUS

Accidents	401
Building Found Open	18
Assist Ambulance.....	130
Mental Health	9

Assist Other Towns	69
Officer Assaulted.....	12
Fire Calls Covered.....	1
Bomb Scares.....	1
Alarms Answered	830
Missing Persons.....	9
Vehicles Stolen.....	53
Vehicles Recovered	28
Unexpected Deaths.....	4
Incapacitated Persons	142
Robberies.....	5
Vandalism.....	138
Alarms Answered	722
Alarms Answered (False).....	712
Value of Property Stolen	\$573,654.00
Value of Property Recovered	\$208,850.00

TRAFFIC

Accidents	401
Fatals.....	1
Property Damage	280
With Injuries.....	120

CITATIONS

Warnings.....	1,084
Non-Criminal.....	1,855
Arrest & Court.....	368
Total Citations	3,307

MONIES RETURNED TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER 1993

Pistol Permits Issued	\$ 3,374.00
License to Sell Fire Arms & Ammunition	120.00
Firearm Identification Cards.....	220.00
Machine Gun Permit.....	25.00
Receipts from Copies of Police Reports	1,951.00
Parking Fines from Plymouth County.....	8,610.00
Fines from the Brockton District Court	26,314.00
Fines from the Registry of Motor Vehicles	89,045.00
Total Fines Collected.....	123,969.35
Work Permit Issued (Sunday & Holidays).....	300.00
10% Sur Charge Collected from Outside Details	6,918.30

Respectfully submitted,

Howard R. Anderson
Chief

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my fifth annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the year 1993:

Personnel

The personnel of the Fire Department consists of the permanent Chief, one (1) permanent Deputy Chief, one (1) permanent Acting Captain, two (2) permanent Lieutenants, four (4) permanent firefighters, one (1) call Captain, nineteen (19) call firefighters, and two (2) call Chaplains.

Apparatus

Engine # 1, 1978 Hendrickson/Farrar 1250 GPM pumper, Engine #2, 1986 Emergency One/GMC 1000 GPM pumper, Engine #3, 1969 Farrar 750 GPM pumper, Ladder 1, 1974 Seagrave 100' aerial ladder, Forest Fire 1, 1977 Dodge (4 wheel drive), Ambulance 1, 1993 Ford/Horton, Rescue 1, 1984/1976 Chevrolet/Horton, Fire Alarm truck, 1978 Chevrolet bucket truck used by both the Fire Department and the Forestry Department, Service Truck, 1967 Ford pickup (presently out of service), Chief's car, 1991 Ford Sedan (former police cruiser).

Statistical Report

During the year 1993 the Fire Department responded to a total of one thousand two hundred and twenty eight (1,228) calls. Of this figure, seven hundred and fifty seven (757) calls were for the ambulance.

On June 1st of 1991, this department took over ambulance billing. We have now been doing this task for over two (2) years and I am happy to report that our ambulance revenue has increased dramatically. During 1993 we collected over one hundred and thirty eight thousand dollars (\$138,000.00). During the same time period, we have processed over one hundred and fifty four thousand dollars. While there is no guarantee that we will collect this entire amount, I do believe that our revenue projections for the ambulance will at least remain at current levels.

Training

During 1993, the Fire Department, with drill instructors, Deputy Chief Richard W. Gibson and Acting Captain Allen A. Breer, conducted numerous training sessions for both the permanent and call members of the department on a variety of different subjects. This aspect of our operation is extremely important when you consider all of the technological advances that have occurred in just the last ten years and encompasses a wide variety of challenges. Our goal is to keep our personnel current on their ever changing responsibilities. We were also very fortunate, this year, to take advantage of joint training sessions with our surrounding communities, saving us a considerable amount of money on specialized instructors and materials. This program has worked very well and will continue in the future.

Inspections

Inspections continue to be a very important part of the Fire Department. All inspections required by law were accomplished with the cooperation of the Building Inspector. As you are all aware, one particular company in Town, Chadwick's of Boston on United Drive, has dramatically increased the size of their building. During the latest construction phase at this building, I expressed my concerns to the owners of the company relative to this department's ability to protect this property once construction was completed. I did not feel that I should place the Town of West Bridgewater in a position where, once this building was completed, the fire department would not have the necessary resources available to fight a fire in this building. Since I have been Chief, we have had seven (7) fires in this building. Should another fire occur, and we could not handle the situation, I did not want us to be in a position where someone could ask why we had let the construction take place if we knew we could not adequately handle an incident. I am happy to report that, through the generosity of Chadwick's, they are purchasing the Town a new pumping engine. Delivery is expected sometime in March of 1994.

Emergency Medical Services

One of the most important missions of this department is to provide Emergency Medical Services to the citizens of the Town. During 1993, we have been able to take advantage of Advanced Life Support Services from two sources. "P2" is an advanced life support truck provided at no cost to the Town from the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth. This truck, based in Hanson, is available to our EMTs when a medical or traumatic situation occurs that goes beyond the scope of our present training. Any cost for this service is billed to the patient's insurance company and, if the patient does not have insurance, is provided free of charge. The second ALS truck, "M5", is provided with the same guidelines from Norfolk-Bristol/ASA ambulance company based in the north end of Brockton.

By the year 2000, our present EMTs will be able to provide much of the ALS service now provided by these two units. At that time, new regulations presently being formulated will require our own personnel to be upgraded to a different level of training and allow them to provide this service.

Requests and Recommendations

I am requesting this year that we take a serious look at establishing a revolving account for the monies that are generated by the Fire Department ambulance. You, as a board, have received a petition from our firefighters to establish such an account. While I was not involved in this petition, I do support it.

By the year 2000, emergency medical services, as we now know it, will be changing dramatically. Basic EMTs, as we now know them, will no longer exist. Emergency Medical personnel on ambulances will be certified at either the Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate level or at the Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic level. I believe that we have a mechanism in place, namely the monies generated by the ambulance service, to pay for the increased training that will be required for our personnel. This training will be paid for by the insurance companies that pay for the ambulance service, not the taxpayers of the Town.

I am also requesting the following:

- (1) As in the past several years, that we continue our program of replacing our self contained breathing apparatus. To date we have replaced fifteen of the existing units. If we again purchase four (4) units, as in previous years, we will be able to complete this project. Estimated cost, which reflects a slight increase in the cost of each unit, is \$10,000.00.
- (2) Complete our projected three (3) year replacement program of replacing/updating our radio equipment. Estimated cost remains the same as previous years at \$6,500.00.
- (3) Appropriate \$18,000.00 to equip the new pumping engine purchased for the Town by Chadwick's of Boston.

I am also requesting that we seriously consider increasing the permanent firefighting force by two (2) men. We have not hired any additional permanent firefighters since 1978. During that time period our runs have increased by almost 300%.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their continued assistance and support of the Fire Department and public safety in general.

I would also like to express my appreciation to all other Town departments and boards who have assisted the Fire Department in the past year.

Last, but certainly not least, a sincere thank you to the personnel of the department for their continued cooperation with this office. I believe you have the best fire and emergency medical services department in the area if not the country. I am certainly proud of their daily efforts on behalf of the citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully,

Leonard T. Hunt
Chief

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater.

Single family home construction declined by two units this year. While the number of units dropped, the value of construction increased significantly. The number of additions, alterations, sheds, barns and garages decreased slightly. Again the value of the projects increased.

Commercial and industrial construction continues to follow a strong orderly growth pattern. The number of projects increased this year but the size and scope of the projects decreased.

The bottom line is we issued more permits, did more work, and turned more money into the general fund than last year.

During the last year I enjoyed the assistance and cooperation of many Town citizens as well as Town employees.

To those people who take that extra step I am especially thankful for your help, assistance and support.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

	Construction Value
18 Dwellings	\$ 2,367,300.00
38 Additions and Alterations	469,036.00
10 Swimming Pools	35,864.00
4 Stoves and Chimneys	1,000.00
16 Sheds and Garages	53,550.00
4 Demolition	0.00
14 Other	<u>0.00</u>
	\$ 2,926,750.00

COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION

3 New Buildings	\$ 2,777,500.00
33 Additions & Alterations	1,695,257.00
18 Signs	0.00
22 Certificate of Inspections	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>4,472,757.00</u>
	7,399,507.00

Total fees collected and deposited to the general fund.....\$ 56,982.50

Respectfully submitted,
Steven D. Crawford
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit my annual report for the year 1993. There were 81 Gas applications filed for Gas permits.

There were 80 Gas Inspections made in the following types of buildings:

New Dwellings	7
Old Dwellings.....	48
Commercial Buildings	22
Public Buildings	3
Trailer	<u>1</u>
Total.....	81

There were 22 Gas Appliances installed.

The Massachusetts State Gas Code is used as a basis for all Gas installations.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Donovan
Plumbing & Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1993.

During the calender year 1993, a total of three hundred thirty-five (335) measuring devices were sealed, one hundred twenty-four (124) devices were adjusted, four (4) devices were marked Not Sealed (as such they cannot be used legally in trade), and nine (9) devices were condemned for failure to meet prescribed standards.

The following is a summary of measuring devices inspected and tested:

Scales and Balances

Over 10,000 pounds	1	Sealed
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	3	Sealed
	2	Condemned
100 to 5,000 pounds	28	Sealed
	10	Adjusted
	1	Not Sealed
	2	Condemned

Weights

Avoirdupois	59	Sealed
Metric	16	Sealed
Apothecary	11	Sealed

Liquid Measuring Meters

Gasoline	106	Sealed
	96	Adjusted
	2	Condemned
Diesel Fuel	6	Sealed
	6	Adjusted

Liquid Measuring Meters Cont.

Kerosene	1	Sealed
	1	Adjusted
Spring Water	3	Sealed
	1	Adjusted

Fabric Measuring Devices

	38	Sealed
	2	Not Sealed

Linear Measures

Tape	1	Sealed
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The following fees were assessed for the above inspections:

Sealing Fees	\$ 2,255.80
Adjusting Fees	525.00
Total Fees	\$ 2,780.00

The total 1993 fees represent an increase of \$418.30 over the previous year. Due partly to the new fee schedule implemented on July 1, 1993 and also due to the Sealer's efforts in locating measuring devices previously not tested. Of the assessed fees, \$2,756.80 was collected and turned in to the Town Treasurer for the calendar year.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and to the personnel in the various Town Offices for their continued cooperation in assisting me in carrying out my assigned duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert A. Wolfer
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

I respectfully submit the report of the Inspector of wires for the year ending December 31, 1993.

There was a total of 159 permits filed last year, totalling \$7,936.00 for fees collected.

At this time I would like to express my appreciation to various Town offices and personnel for assistance given to this department.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert M. Greiner, Inspector of Wire
Albert K. Greiner, Assistant Wire Inspector

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

The Town of West Bridgewater has been very fortunate this year. We have had no emergencies of a serious nature. Hopefully, yours truly will have another brief and positive report next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Manugian
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF THE FORESTRY & PARKS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The Forestry Department continues its efforts in areas of tree work, park restoration, grounds maintenance and recreation.

I will cover some of the areas the department is involved in.

We are maintaining:

- 17 greens at intersections
- A 5-acre park
- 7 cemeteries
- Town Hall and gazebo grounds
- Legion Memorial ballfields
- Town Library
- Police and Fire Station grounds
- Selective landscape projects at our public schools
- Town skating rink

Town greens and lawns are continuously upgraded and monitored for insect and disease problems. This past fall, islands in Central Square and Elm Square were completely reseeded, new flower gardens were made, and irrigation was brought to each location.

Poison Ivy and hornet/wasp eradication was carried out this past summer for Town residents.

During 1993, 17 Town trees were removed because of disease or public safety.

We have continued the process of tree trimming and brush clearing. A three foot walking area on each side of every public road is our goal. Residents are urged to call if they have an obstructed area near their home.

The use of the Town's bucket truck, which is managed by the Fire and Forestry Departments, continues to be a great help in tree trimming and removal.

Eastern Edison helps the Town remove any dead trees near wires. A private contracted crane is brought in for large trees.

I maintain contact with the Department of Environmental Management, Division of Forest and Shade Trees. With their aid, assessment of gypsy moth severity is carried out.

Plymouth County Mosquito Control was contacted a number of times. Spraying was done at the Town playgrounds, ballfields, park, swamp areas, and private homes. Any Town resident can have their yard sprayed in the spring for larvae or during the summer for adult mosquitoes.

I have four funds under my department which I manage and to which I encourage donations:

Stars and Stripes — includes funds for all Town flags.

Holiday Decoration Fund — used to supply and upgrade holiday decorations throughout Town.

Beautification — to supply trees, shrubs, flowers, mulch, etc. for all public areas in Town.

Gazebo Concert Series Fund — a fund to pay for the cost of our Summer Concert Series.

War Memorial Park restoration work continues. This past year our Park Commission put in hundreds of hours. Many other volunteers also gave time planting and maintaining gardens throughout the park. Our 2nd annual Park Festival in September was a tremendous success. Music, displays, merchants, clown acts and food helped make this event one we will not forget. This year's festival is again set for September. The Park was also decorated for the holiday season again this year. All lights, electricity, and labor were donated by the efforts of our Park Commission. The Park Restoration Fund, which committee members oversee, covered all expenses.

Department vehicles include:

1973 350 Ford Dump

1976 750 Ford Dump

1968 Chipper

1991 F150 Ford Pickup

I managed 5 workers from the Brockton Area Private Industry Council this past Spring and Summer. The program ran for 7 weeks. These young men ranged in age from 15 to 19 years old. 345 man hours of free labor went to projects all over Town.

By using the Massachusetts Releaf Grant we received in 1992, we planted 11 more trees in 1993. An additional 5 trees were planted throughout Town.

An adopt-an-island program continues. Six volunteers maintained flower gardens at intersections.

Our first annual Gazebo Concert Series was held in Summer 1993. Six concerts were presented, free to the public on Tuesday evenings throughout the summer. Plans are now being made for the 1994 Summer Program.

The West Bridgewater Playground Committee, Inc. is currently raising funds for the new Friendship Park. Over the last year, a group of Town residents have been working diligently to build this playground on Howard School property. Friendship Park is being built totally for the young people of our community and will be handicapped accessible. When completed, it will be landscaped with gardens and trees throughout. This department will be responsible for its upkeep and maintenance so that it will be a permanent fixture in Town for years to come.

Our Town skating rink restoration began in the fall of 1993 with the help and expertise of the water department. My thanks goes to them for their persistence in getting this recreation area repaired and usable.

As budgets become tighter each year, new ways have to be created to fund projects. To allow the Park, trees, or Town properties to decline is not sound for a town that has invested so much in maintaining these things over the years. We always need fresh ideas by employees, townspeople, and volunteers to keep things moving forward in a positive direction.

I truly thank all of my coworkers who have helped me over the past year.

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Iannitelli
Forestry & Parks Superintendent
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The past year has been a year of hard work for the members of the committee and others associated with the schools. The election in April saw the return of Linda Santry and Jeffrey Russell to the committee for another term, giving some stability to the committee. Work on the School Building Project and the Education Reform Bill led to many hours of meetings in order to address the needs of both issues.

The School Building Needs Committee, appointed by the Town Moderator at the vote of the Town Meeting, began meeting in January to address the needs of the system. Their decision, based on extensive information gathering and discussion, was to ask the Town for funds for architectural and engineering plans for the rebuilding of the Howard School and the renovation of the other school buildings. The School Committee met with the Building Committee and worked with them to inform the Town of the needs at public forums and information sessions. The article was presented at the Town Meeting in June, and was passed. We are very grateful to the Town for their support in this matter. After preparation of the bid specifications, the bid process was completed and an architect was appointed by the School Committee. The architect has been holding regular meetings with the Building Committee and the School Committee to develop a plan for the schools that will meet the needs of the children and the Town for many years to come. We expect the Building Committee will present the plan to the Town at a Special Town Meeting in April, 1994. This will allow the schools to present the plan to the Department of Education in June and qualify for 69% reimbursement by the state.

Passage of the Education Reform Bill by the State in June caused many changes and many headaches for both the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen. The State was very slow in explaining the ramifications of the bill, and this made the budget process for the schools and the Town very difficult. After many joint meetings with the Town officials and the State departments involved, the budget issue was settled in the fall. The cooperation and understanding of the selectmen and Town administrative assistant were very much appreciated by the School Committee. We look forward to seeing some very important changes in education as various parts of the bill related to student curriculum and achievement are implemented. One aspect of the bill was an early retirement incentive for teachers and administrators. After adoption by the Town, several of our staff members took advantage of the opportunity and retired from the system: Mary Sears, Roger Coelho, Virginia Nolan, Jeanne Roscoe, Robert Chapman and William Jones. Also retiring was our high school nurse, Leah Benson. We are very grateful for the many years they gave to the children of West Bridgewater, and wish them well in the future.

In addition to the above work, the schools continue to strive to improve the education we provide for the students. The schools have adopted the philosophy that all children will be successful learners and our staff is striving towards that goal. Improved instruction, curriculum changes, staff development and program enhancements are all in the process of being implemented. We look forward to seeing the results very soon.

We thank the other boards and departments in the Town for their continued support and cooperation. The success of the Town and schools is dependent on this cooperation and we are all very appreciative. The fact that our students continue to do so well is certainly a reflection of the pride West Bridgewater takes in education.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Santry, Chairman
Jeffrey Russell, Vice-Chairman
R. Linn Peterson, Clerk
Mark Burley
David Gill
Nora Bradford

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT 1993

The defining moment for West Bridgewater Schools in 1993 occurred on June 18 when Governor Weld signed into law the Education Reform Act. This single event dominated the year and set the tone and direction of our schools for the next decade and beyond. For West Bridgewater, this meant the beginning of financial stability for the schools. The law sets minimum spending levels for education and guarantees that the local spending efforts can not go below the minimum level. This will end the years of cutting staff and programs. Because of the exemplary work of our staff, it is easy to forget that since 1989, 22 staff positions and 5 programs have been cut. While it is impossible to restore all that has been lost, the Reform Act will aid in building a better foundation for education.

The past year is noteworthy for the number of personnel changes due to reorganization and state sponsored early retirement for teachers. Seven staff members, with combined service of 165 years, retired in 1993. Retiring were: Robert Chapman, chemistry teacher and dean of students, 34 years; Roger Coelho, high school mathematics teacher, 23 years; Virginia Nolan, first grade teacher, 23 years; Leah Benson, school nurse special education teacher, 21 years; and Jeanne Roscoe, second grade teacher, 20 years. On behalf of the citizens of West Bridgewater, I thank these dedicated professionals for their years of service to the children of the Town. Their work is greatly appreciated.

Lynn Bradford, special education director, and Philip Dyer, Rose L. MacDonald principal, left the system in 1993 to begin new careers. With their leaving, there was an administrative reorganization. Erick Benson, high school principal for 22 years, became assistant superintendent in charge of special education, maintenance and transportation. Dr. Anne Papagiotas was appointed Junior-Senior High School principal, Joyce Francis was appointed administrator of Howard School and David Moran was appointed principal of the Rose L. MacDonald School. These changes have brought new direction to our schools.

In 1993, the West Bridgewater schools adopted a mission statement stressing that all students will be successful learners. This commitment to ensure success for all students is coupled with setting high standards for all students. All of our energy and resources are being brought to bear on providing quality education for all students. The result has been a better learning atmosphere and improved test scores on the state assessment tests.

While our classroom instruction has been steadily improving, the condition of our buildings has been declining. Budget cuts over the years since the passage of proposition 2 and 1/2 have taken a toll on our buildings. At the Annual Town Meeting in June, the Town voted money for the preparation of an architectural and engineering design of our buildings. The Building Needs Committee, chaired by Victor Flaherty, spent long hours studying the building needs of the schools. The Committee recommended an addition and renovations to the Howard School and renovations to the High School and Spring Street School. The Committee chose the architectural firm of Todd Lee, Clark, Rozas to do the design work. The Committee will present a plan to the Town for approval in April, 1994. This rehabilitation project will ensure that the Town will have serviceable, modern facilities for the next twenty-five years.

With this my fourth report, I want to thank the many citizens who have been so helpful to the schools during the past year. Most importantly, my thanks to our students who in so many ways make our jobs in education so worthwhile.

Sincerely,

Ronald W. Pacy
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

I am pleased to present my first report as principal of West Bridgewater Jr. Sr. High School. As of October 1, 1993 there were 421 students enrolled in grades 7-12. Our student population continues to grow slowly through the 1990's. We also continue to house grade 6 students which has presented many logistical problems.

Our mission through the 1990's, into the 21st century, is to provide the best educational opportunities for our students; where all students will be successful learners! To accomplish this we have embarked on a challenging course of action, focusing our energies on creating a student-centered learning environment. The Education Reform Act of 1993 and its mandate for change, has also provided us with many challenges. Changes will occur in the curriculum, the structure, the finance and the governance of our schools.

Despite the above mentioned concerns and challenges the junior/senior high school staff is dedicated to providing our students with the best possible educational experiences. Our staff has accepted the challenges of the 21st century. Community and parent support has been commendable. The PTO has assisted in fulfilling educational needs and has been very supportive. The Boosters have done yeomen's task in supporting our athletic endeavors. Members of the newly created West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School, School Council, have also been working diligently to develop its school improvement plan as mandated by the ERA Act of 1993. Members of the West Bridgewater Jr. Sr. High School, School Council are as follows:

School Personnel:

Dr. Ann Papagiotas, Principal
Mr. Malcolm Reese, Teacher
Ms. Nancy Emord, Teacher
Mr. Alan Weintraub, Teacher
Ms. Jamie Anderson, Student
Ms. Sarah Barry, Student

Students:

Ms. Jamie Anderson
Ms. Sarah Barry

Parents:

Mrs. Lauri Mardo
Mrs. April McDermott
Mr. Robert Kenrick
Mr. Tom Kilpatrick

Community:

Mr. Christopher Iannitelli
Mr. Jonathan Asker
Ms. Lou Russo

REPORT OF THE ROSE L. MACDONALD AND HOWARD/SPRING ST. SCHOOL

As of this date there are 574 students enrolled at the elementary level Kindergarten to grade six, 334 at the Rose L. MacDonald School - grades K-3; 164 at the Spring Street/Howard School - grades 4 and 5; and 76 at the Junior-Senior High School - grade 6.

In grades K-3 all classrooms are basically self-contained — meaning students spend the majority of the school day with their assigned homeroom teacher for the major CORE curriculum areas of Reading, Language, Spelling, Handwriting, Mathematics, Social Science, and Physical Science.

In grades 4-6 classrooms are semi-departmentalized — meaning students more to various staff members for instruction in the major subject areas. As the students progress from grades 4-6 the amount of departmentalization increases.

In addition to the major CORE curriculum areas, students meet weekly for instruction in Art, Health, Library Science, Music, and Physical Education. Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 also receive computer instruction.

Throughout the school year each child's program is periodically assessed and when needed appropriate changes are made. Students that are experiencing a great deal of difficulty whether it be academic, social and/or emotional, are provided extra help through our Reading/Language Arts department, Special Needs department, Chapter I program, and/or Counseling department. Reading Recovery is provided to those students in need in grade one.

The goal of the Reading/Language Art program is to improve each student's proficiency in the use of the English Language. All aspects of communication - reading, writing, listening, and speaking are subject to improvement through learning. Emphasis is given at the primary level on the skills involved in learning to read. This is done through the use of a basal reader as well as various trade books. We have increased our big book collection and classroom teachers are developing literature theme units to be used in conjunction with the basal. In grades 4-6 the teaching of skills continues but the emphasis shifts to reading to learn. Students read high quality literature designed to help them become life long readers. At all levels students practice their writing skills daily-writing for a variety of audiences. All staff members focus upon developmental teaching practices which promote the connection between reading, speaking, and writing.

The Mathematics program K-6 is designed to help students move from the concrete - working with physical matter - to the abstract. At all levels critical thinking and problem solving are integrated into the program - using them to teach key skills and concepts. Students are given a wealth of opportunities to see how math topics relate to each other, to other curriculum areas, and to the real world. Students are grouped and re-grouped dependent on grade level and the mathematical concepts that are being taught at any given time.

In addition to the basic academic and specialized programs as previously described, students are offered a wealth of highly specialized programs — programs that speak to the needs of particular students. Some of the programs offered within the two elementary schools are: Band, Chorus, Computer Introduction and Literacy, Field Trips, Instrumental Lessons, Intramurals, Jason Project, Pen Pals, PTO sponsored programs, Reading Is Fundamental program, and Young Author's Day.

With the passage of the Education Reform Act of 1993 a School Council has been established at each elementary school. The membership consists of the principal, teachers, parents, and community people. The Council's responsibility is to assist the principal in adopting educational goals for the school, identify the needs of the students attending the school, review the school building's annual budget, and to formulate a school improvement plan. The Councils held their first meetings in October and will be meeting throughout the school year. All meetings are open to the public.

The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) continues to provide opportunities for staff and parents to work together for the betterment of each student's education experience. The PTO through its fundraising activities provides the school with help in four important areas - the purchase of necessary educational materials and equipment, enrichment programs for the students, programs for adults and/or students on educational issues, and the coordination of volunteers to work in the schools. Volunteers assist with clerical tasks, help supervise specialized activities, and in some cases provide small group instructional support. PTO members and volunteers are to be commended for their dedication and effort on behalf of the students and staff.

It is with mixed emotions that after 32 years I leave the teaching profession. I will miss the students, staff members, and all those adults associated with the schools. My thanks go to all who have made my task so enjoyable and have helped make each student's educational experience the best it can be.

Respectfully submitted,

William Jones
Principal

REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

This past June the Southeastern Regional School District completed its twenty-sixth year of operation. The school district is comprised of eight towns and the city of Brockton.

On October 1, 1992 there were 1,254 students enrolled in the school district.

West Bridgewater's share of the \$9,592,834.00 school district budget is \$70,196.00. This is 2.55% of the total budget, and represents 32 students.

The Technical Institute continues to provide five post high school day programs: Practical Nursing, Medical Laboratory Technician, Dental Assistant, Medical Assistant and Computer Programming, an evening Practical Nursing Program and a grant-funded three hundred hour microcomputer course for mature workers (55 years old and older). The Dental Assistant Program was visited and received full accreditation by the American Dental Association as was the Medical Assistant Program by the American Medical Association.

Courses planned for future implementation at the Technical Institute are: Computerized Office Technology, Certified Nurse Aide and Home Health Aide and Medical Transcription.

The adult evening school continues to offer courses in entry level trade skills and apprenticeship programs. Expanding the number and variety of evening courses is being investigated.

The New England Association of Schools & Colleges' Commission on Technical and Career Institutions reviewed and accepted without change in membership status the two-year Progress Report submitted on behalf of the Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School.

The "Commission's action indicates satisfaction with progress realized since the school's most comprehensive review on November 5-7, 1991. With an impressive ninety-five percent (95%) of the recommendations identified as completed or in progress and three percent (3%) planned for the future, clearly much has been accomplished."

School construction projects included installing a new in-house AT&T telephone system, high school fire alarm panel, auto body spray booth, bus canopy, and air conditioning of the cafeteria.

Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology grants were used to hire vocational teachers, aides, and to purchase supplies and equipment. Five lathes were also purchased for the machine shop.

Other federal grants were written and funded to hire additional personnel, promote drug awareness, provide special education services, sex equity issues, mathematics/science curriculum, assessment of students and new technology equipment was purchased to better meet the needs of our students.

We continue to be very fortunate to have the services and support of volunteer Advisory Board members who assist us in making sound recommendations for the purchase of supplies and equipment.

The Department of Education awarded an equal access grant to the School district which enables the school to extend to member Towns a program geared to increasing the understanding of how advances in technology and computer equipment have expanded career choices to students, helping to eliminate old stereotypes of male/female occupations.

An outreach counselor visits middle schools of the district and discusses with students how their interests, aptitudes and values could influence their career choices. Students currently in vocational areas once considered gender biased also speak to the students about their career options.

The after school component of the program includes student participation in Graphic Arts, Commercial Food, Machine Shop, Carpentry, Electricity, Painting & Decorating, Commercial Art, and Science and Technology programs. These experiences increase student awareness and reduce gender bias. The program continues to grow and expand within the towns of the district.

At the National Vocational Industrial Clubs of America competition held this past summer, one of our Commercial Foods baking students placed first in the United States.

During the 1992-93 school year the school district made a commitment to fund and develop a Principles of Technology science program for the juniors and seniors. Principles of Technology offers students an understanding of the physical principles underlying modern technology. Students use a wide variety of lab equipment and "learn by doing".

This past year as part of our on-going Tech Prep activities we developed articulation agreements with Massasoit Community College for students in the high school Air Conditioning and Refrigeration program. We also completed an agreement with the Southeastern Technical Institute in the Dental, Medical Assistant and Licensed Practical Nursing programs for students in the high school Health Services Assistant Program. In both cases, students will receive guaranteed placement and up to eleven college credits upon graduation. We look to expand our post-secondary opportunities with other colleges.

The pilot Integration Project initiated in October of 1992 has begun a process which has improved our ability to provide more effective education by developing close relationships between technical training and academic competencies. The project focused on the wood cluster of occupational programs and the electrical cluster as well. Teams of teachers worked cooperatively to develop more effective teaching strategies to deliver course content in a more applied "hands-on" manner. Funding from the Dwight David Eisenhower Grant Program helped make this project possible.

Southeastern introduced the first operational electric car in the area built solely by vocational students. The car, which was originally a Chevy Prism, was completely gutted mechanically, re-designed and rebuilt to run on electric battery current. Money from an Eastern Edison Energy Grant started the initial project, which has been almost a total school-wide endeavor involving over two hundred students.

In June 1993, two hundred thirty-three students graduated from Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School. Guidance records indicate that 96% of the members of the Class of 1993 were placed in full-time jobs, or had elected to further their education.

Southeastern is grateful for the cooperation and support received from the residents of West Bridgewater.

Thank you

Eugene Kostecki

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We the Commissioners and Superintendent of the Water Department of the Town of West Bridgewater, respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1993.

During the year a total of 272,383,650 gallons of water was pumped. This was 29,407,990 gallons more than the previous year. The greatest amount for any one day was June 17, with 1,587,420 gallons being pumped. The largest month was August with 32,153,740 gallons pumped. The largest week was July 10-17, with 8,153,530 gallons pumped.

With 272,383,650 gallons of water pumped plus 1,408,950 gallons bought from Easton, a total of 273,792,600 gallons of water was used. This makes a daily average usage of 750,116 gallons.

Sixteen new services were installed, bringing our total to 2,405 services.

Station maintenance was carried out daily, after every severe storm, and after all power failures. A total of 552 hours of overtime was spent on emergency leaks and maintenance.

One of the big challenges over the next few years will be funding a budget to meet the Federal Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. The state has imposed a state water tax. This tax will be shown on your water bill as .8 (8 tenths) of 1 cent on each 1000 gallons of water used. This money will be used to implement the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Water Act at the state level. The Town of West Bridgewater will owe the state \$2,179.06 in 1994 for water pumped. The Water Department has been able to stay within the limits of its yearly budget and has not raised water rates since 1988.

The Water Department was able to sell the three house lots and the Robery farm house. This allowed the Water Department to move the property loan from short term note to a bond. With the sale of the frontage we were able to reduce the loan from \$500,000.00 to \$250,000.00. This has turned out to be an excellent investment for our future water needs.

The Walnut Street bridge has finally been completed and the new main is in service.

The Water Department has completed the test boring and design stage for the proposed water storage tank on Walnut Street. Negotiations with the industrial customers is ongoing to find a way to fund this project.

Once again in the fall of this year the Water Department under took a flushing program. The flushing program seems to have been successful and dirty water complaints have been eliminated. The Water Commissioners have decided this program was so successful it will be done every year.

During the year 144 analyses of our drinking water were made for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for bacterial elements. All reports were most satisfactory, showing it to be highly acceptable quality and free from bacterial elements. Analyses of sodium concentration in our water averaged 15.2 milligrams per litre for 1993, allowing us to meet the state regulations of a maximum of 20 milligrams per litre. We also ran individual tests on all four wells to check for cancer causing pollutants in our water and none were detected in any of our wells.

We would like to thank the crew of the Water Department for making this year a success, and all other departments that came to our aid when requested and most importantly all the townspeople who have supported us in reaching our goals.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Noyes, Chairman
David Churchill, Clerk
Donald Asack, Member
Richard E. Krugger, Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health respectfully submits its report for 1993

The following list of fees gathered by the Board is a glimpse of some of the Board's activities.

Perc Test observations	\$6,666.00
Disposal works permits	1,815.00
Food service and retail food permits	4,275.00
Disposal installer permits	665.00
Milk and Cream permits	440.00
Septic hauler licenses	490.00
Rabies clinic	544.00
Mobile food service permits	280.00
Mobile home park and motel permits	150.00
Miscellaneous	<u>295.00</u>
TOTAL	\$15,620.00

Again this year we thank the Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association and our Public Health Nurse for running the clinics on blood pressure and blood sugar screening, TB testing and flu shots. The Public Health Nurse is available every first and third Tuesday from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at our office in the Town Hall, every second Wednesday from 10 A.M. to Noon at the Council on Aging Center located at the Howard School and every fourth Wednesday from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. at the Community Center at Esther Drive Housing complex.

The Veterinary Clinic for rabies for dogs and cats was held in May. It was well received.

Lastly we wish to express our appreciation to the Health Inspector, Richard Colvin for handling all the day to day work that allows our Board to function. The ongoing restaurant and food handling inspections, septic site inspections and follow-up visits and calls on public health complaints received by the Board are not seen in yearly reports such as this, but are essential to the public health of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Cruz, Chairperson
Marie T. Bagley, Clerk
Sandra L. Asack, Member

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby respectfully submit our annual report for the year 1993.

Number of dairy cows over two years	181
Number of dairy heifers one to two years.....	38
Number of dairy calves under one year	45
Number of dairy bulls.....	6
Number of dairy steers	3
Number of dairy herds.....	3
Number of horses	49
Number of ponies	6
Number of goats	7
Number of sheep.....	13
Number of donkeys	1
Number of swine	87
Number of swine herds.....	1
Number of poultry	130
Number of poultry flocks	2
Number of dog bites reported to inspector for quarantine.....	15

Respectfully submitted

Howard A. Anderson
Richard Anderson
Inspectors of Animals

REPORT OF THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 1993.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of 24 Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 1993 season began with an above normal water table which produced large numbers of spring brood mosquitoes throughout the County. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.T.I., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of adult mosquitoes, ultra-low-volume adulticiding began. The Project responded to increased numbers of service requests until a drying trend occurred during mid-summer. All sprayers and trucks performed well with little time lost to breakdowns.

The threat of the mosquito transmitted disease Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was low in 1993. No horse or human cases occurred, but virus was recovered from bird-feeding mosquitoes. The recurring problem of EEE in Southeastern Massachusetts continues to ensure cooperation between this Project and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The figures specific to the Town of West Bridgewater are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect Town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of West Bridgewater residents.

Insecticide Application. 2,624 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in May and the last in September.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes, and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

Finally, we have been tracking complaint response time, that is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time for the Town of West Bridgewater was less than two days with more than 168 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling of the mosquitoes in West Bridgewater indicates that *Coquillettidia perturbans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected included *Culex Pipiens* and *Aedes excrucians*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices or any other matters of concern.

REPORT OF THE BRIDGEWATER VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Over ninety years ago when the Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association began services, one nurse was able to care for the residents of Bridgewater, West Bridgewater and East Bridgewater. The nurse, carrying her "black bag" made the rounds either on foot or by trolley, unless she was fortunate to obtain the loan of a car. Back in 1902 services rendered by the visiting nurse were limited in scope. Often her duties included changing dressings, caring for those who were in need of medical treatment but could not afford to visit the doctor, or even bringing medication from the local pharmacist.

As times progressed, the Bridgewater's grew and services offered at hospitals expanded. Many people can remember when a hospital stay for a normal pregnancy was ten days, and surgery meant a hospital stay of a minimum of two weeks. Those also were the days

before transplant surgery, by-pass surgery and chemotherapy. Americans' life spans are expanding and as this trend continues, people are staying in their homes longer. Medical treatment that once meant long hospital stays, are now being done in the home. The Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association has grown to meet these ever-changing demands.

The original staff of one has now become a staff of fifty-two. We are now capable of doing blood work, I.V. Therapy, and provide social service in the home, saving more costly trips to the doctor's office. Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, a nutritionist, and psychiatric nursing are available to those who need them.

Thanks to your continued financial support and the aid of other fund raising efforts, we will be able to continue serving the residents of West Bridgewater. As always, the Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association is grateful for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Kravitz,
President

REPORT OF THE BROCKTON AREA MULTI-SERVICES, INC. (SOUTHEAST HUMAN RESOURCE ASSOCIATE)

We are one of the few non-profit mental health clinics available to the citizens of W. Bridgewater and we have a firm commitment to providing quality services at an affordable cost. Our sliding fee scale continues to be the most reasonable in the area.

SHRA has a long-standing commitment to providing services to persons in need who have a limited ability to pay for these services. The following outlines some of the ways the clinic attempts to provide services to those in need who have difficulty affording services:

our sliding fee schedule is kept at the minimum reasonable level (it is the lowest in town).

we provide medication-only services to 66 clients, at a rate of \$25.00 per visit for self-pay clients. This is barely a break-even rate, and other agencies in town do not offer this service at all.

we work actively with clients to obtain entitlement services when they are eligible, assisting with paperwork and accompanying clients to the Welfare or Social Security Offices when necessary.

the therapy group at the Mainspring Shelter outreach site is open to all eligible clients at the shelter, regardless of ability to pay.

we work with clients to find alternative services if their insurance status changes to a plan we are unable to accept.

- we develop flexible treatment plans to accommodate a client's limited insurance coverage or ability to pay (i.e.. 1/2 hour sessions, bi-weekly or monthly sessions, med visits bi-monthly or quarterly, etc.).
- we advocate for clients with State agencies when they are having difficulty getting needed services.
- many therapists provide hours of free service to meet client needs, or accept a reduced rate of payment in selected cases.
- clients who are already receiving services are given priority when decisions are made regarding fee reductions and free services.

REPORT OF THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY RAPE CRISIS CENTER

The Plymouth County Rape Crisis Center provides direct service to sexual assault survivors and their significant other. These direct services take the form of hot-line counseling via our 24-hour hotline system, individual and group counseling, medical and legal advocacy. In addition to these direct services Plymouth County Rape Crisis Center also provides rape awareness, prevention seminars to school aged children, church and other community groups and professional organizations.

Last year, PCRCC received 23 hotline calls from residents of West Bridgewater. Seven residents and their significant others received ongoing individual and/or group counseling. 23 individuals from the Town of West Bridgewater received rape awareness prevention education.

Plymouth County Rape Crisis Center requests \$1500 from the Town of West Bridgewater in order to effectively serve its residents. Although the PCRCC would never deny a survivor of sexual assault counseling or advocacy services, we have been forced to restrict preventative education services in Towns in which we are underfunded. As you well know, this restriction of sexual assault awareness & prevention education creates a Band-Aid approach to combating sexual violence.

Therefore, PCRCC is requesting \$1500 to meet the comprehensive needs of residents of the Town of West Bridgewater.

As always, we thank the Town of West Bridgewater for its continued support in FY 95.

Sincerely,

Janet Mullin-Saucedo
Program Director

1993 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The West Bridgewater Council on Aging continues its efforts to bring needed services to the Senior Citizens of the Town. Many services provided by the Council on Aging are familiar, such as the Hot Lunch Program and the Walking Club provided every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and Social Bingo every Tuesday, Line Dancing on Wednesday, and Bowling on Thursdays. We also provide a monthly newsletter, transportation (day and overnight trips) and daily medical transportation by Dial-A-Bat, plus outreach, telephone reassurance, advocacy, and emergency crisis intervention.

Many services provided in conjunction with other area agencies are: Home Delivered Meals/Old Colony Elderly Services, Inc.; Fuel Assistance and Surplus Commodity Foods/Self Help, Inc., Blood Pressure and Flu Clinics/Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association; Legal Assistance/South Eastern Mass. Legal Assistance Corp.; Tax Assistance/AARP, and Geriatric Counseling/Jewish Family Services.

Your Council on Aging also works with the West Bridgewater Housing Authority to solve housing issues and the West Bridgewater Public Library to provide large print books and cassettes (talking books) for the sight impaired. Last year the Building Site Selection Committee was formed to search available land in West Bridgewater where a new Senior Center could be located. Two locations were considered — Howard Farms Market Place and Component Manufacturing Company. The West Bridgewater Board of Selectmen, the Council and the Building Site Committee voted on Component Properties, Inc.

The Council drew up an innovative plan for creating a self supporting multi-service center with the assistance of the Barker family, current owners of the property. The plan is to utilize the former 60,000 square foot building as a multi-service unit. On December 7, 1993 the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve the request of the Council on Aging to seek a Federal Grant in an effort to secure the Component property for use as a multi-service center. The plant and its parking area occupies three acres of an eleven acre site.

The Council, with the support of the Selectmen hope to establish an Adult Day Health Program. Other agencies are interested in occupancy and have sent support letters in favor of our venture.

Our Social Day Care and Nutrition Programs are self sustained and continue to flourish.

The Council applied for three Grants in 1993. We received a Formula Grant of \$2,151.00 and a Nutrition Grant of \$3,500.00 from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. We also applied for a \$7,500.00 Grant to provide a Respite Program for caregivers of elders affected with Alzheimer's. Decision on these Grant applications will be in early 1994.

Our staff increased in March; we hired a secretary and two Social Day Care assistants and their salaries are at no cost to the tax payers. Our staff remains dedicated and we at the Council on Aging are very fortunate to have many volunteers who give so much of their time to assist with the programs offered at the Senior Center.

Nineteen Ninety Three brought a change to the Council on Aging; member Anne Gillis did not seek reappointment and Edwin Grover moved out of town. Both were a very important part of the Council and their presence will be missed. We join with the Town in thanking both for their dedication to the elderly of the community.

J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) continues to hold fund raisers during the year to support activities provided by the Council on Aging. We continue to have an excellent working relationship with all Town Departments and want to thank them for their continued support.

Many thanks to all the Senior Citizens, Townspeople, Businesses, and Organizations who have continually supported all of our endeavors.

The West Bridgewater Council on Aging would like to invite Town residents to visit our center and any resident age 60 and over to participate in any of the services or activities listed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan K. Johnson
Elder Services Director

Beth Burgess, Chairman
Virginia Michael, Secretary
Robert Bolger
Anne Gillis
Julio Migliorini
Helen Nelson

Anna Brown, Vice Chairman
Jean Freitas, Treasurer
David Cohen
Edwin Grover
Frank Nelson, Jr.
Lloyd Sears

REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council, Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee, we are pleased to present this report of the Area Agency's activities for 1993.

The Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging is responsible for administering Title III funds under the Older Americans Act. This federal funding enables the Area Agency to address the growing needs of elders in twenty-three communities in southeastern Massachusetts. Working closely with local councils on aging and other community agencies, Title III funds are combined with other resources to develop and support a broad range of in-home and community-based elder services.

During FY 1993, an estimated 12,000 elders received assistance through more than twenty local and regional social support services and twenty-five Title III supported nutrition sites. The following services were funded in FY 1993 by the Area Agency.

- Senior center and outreach programs
- Home health and respite services

- In-home mental health services
- Services for deaf, blind and physically disabled elders
- Transportation services
- Legal services
- Emergency services
- Congregate and home delivered meals
- Services to families and caregivers
- Nursing home ombudsman services
- Elder abuse prevention and education services

Also during Fiscal Year 1993, the Area Agency participate in a statewide elder needs assessment effort coordinated by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. With the assistance of the twenty-three councils on aging in the region, over 400 elders were selected to participate in a needs survey.

The Area Agency on Aging acknowledges with gratitude the generous support and cooperation of the communities in the planning and service area, especially the local citizens who serve on the Advisory Committee chaired by Dolores Kent of Easton. The Advisory Committee, consisting of representatives from each of the communities served, assists the area Agency in assessing elder service needs, establishing funding priorities and selecting subgrantees to provide the various Title III services.

The Council further notes with appreciation the work of local boards and commissions, public and private agencies, various institutions and individuals who have cooperated with or otherwise assisted the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Goggin
Administrator

REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES OFFICE

The trend of increased inquiries about various federal and state benefits available to veterans which started last year continued in 1993. Twenty three people were given help in completing VA and state applications and forms.

This office provided cash assistance and medical benefits to ten veterans and their dependents during the year. Reimbursement by the Commonwealth amounted to \$16,198, which was seventy-five percent of direct expenses in 1992. Unfortunately, despite hopes for more timely reimbursement made possible by computerization of the state office, there is still a lag of twelve to eighteen months between the Town's expenditure and the Commonwealth's reimbursement.

We look forward to continued support of our veteran population and prudent management of Town resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Armen Amerigian
Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF SELF HELP INCORPORATED

Self Help, Inc., is greater Brockton's and Attleboro's antipoverty agency dedicated to improving the quality of life of limited income individuals and families, and making all segments of the community responsive to the needs of the limited income, disadvantaged and minority populations.

During the program year ending September 30, 1993, Self Help received a total funding of approximately \$9M and provided direct services to 44,268 limited income households in the area.

In the Town of West Bridgewater, 637 households received direct services totaling \$84,874 during the program year 1993.

The total funding of \$9,087,092 does not tell the real value of human services delivered to the area as a whole. Self Help's funding enabled us to mobilize an additional \$2,509,530 of other community resources such as, contributions from the towns, volunteers, and private donations. The gross value of Self Help during the past program year was \$11,596,622.

Self Help currently employs 215 individuals, many of whom are of limited income and minorities.

We feel that the year October 1, 1992 through September 30, 1993 was a successful one for us and very helpful to our limited income population. We thank the many volunteers, Boards of Selectmen and their representative to our Board of Directors, Frederick Watson, III for helping to make our year a success.

Respectfully submitted

Ulysses G. Shelton, Jr.
Executive Director

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The first months of the year were spent planning and implementing the approach for funding for the twelve existing libraries in the ABLE Network System (Automated Bristol Library Exchange). The plan to enter ABLE was accepted in 1992. The twelve small libraries including West Bridgewater as the lead community in the grant process wrote a grant application to the Mass. Executive Office of Community Development. The libraries as a group were awarded \$49,000 which allowed ABLE to expand its capacities for entrance of the twelve new libraries through the upgrade of hardware and the purchase of additional software.

Children participated in the Greater Brockton Board of Realtors Annual Bowl-a-Thon in March as a fund-raiser for public libraries. West Bridgewater patrons raised \$263 for books and materials for the West Bridgewater Public Library. The library appreciates the interest in community services that the Greater Brockton Board of Realtors has shown.

The Friends of the Library has actively led the Reading is Fundamental Program (R.I.F.) for three distributions of free paperback books to the Town's first through fifth grade students. The Friends' Book and Bake sale in May was successful in raising funds for library projects.

Cape Cod-Cricket Lane has donated \$1100 toward the purchase of children's books. The company feels that today's young readers are tomorrow's successful work force. Staff of the company earned this money from the dunk tank proceeds at their annual summer staff picnic.

The West Bridgewater Business Association held its May meeting at the library as a fund-raiser. The Business Association presented \$500 to the library to support its activities.

The winter sleep over in February was a whirl of activity with a scavenger hunt, poetry reading, poster making, picture taking, snacks, and video viewing. The summer sleep over featured Randy Julius sponsored by the West Bridgewater Cultural Council. Randy brought limited edition prints, a slide show depicting the creation of his painting, and told humorous wilderness stories.

"Sail on a Sea of Books" was the theme of the Summer Reading Club for 50 children. In August the fourth annual summer sundae party entertained the book club participants.

The Camp Library program for 5-9 year olds was held for 30 children in July and August. Miss Lauren Berard assisted children's librarian Chris Altieri-Palmieri in a wide variety of activities such as Police and Fire Dept. visits, gravestone rubbings, science experiments, and arts and crafts.

The toddler group for ages 18 months to 3 years has become very popular. Groups of twelve children with their parents enjoy finger plays, songs, storytelling, and a craft. Story hours for children ages 3-6 are held throughout the year. Workshops for older children are held seasonally. A karate demonstration was a highlight of the spring vacation presentation.

The library thanks the dedicated volunteers who have freely given their time to assist library programs. The library gratefully acknowledges the support shown by the townspeople, donors, the library staff, and the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Roll Smith
Library Director

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

During the first half of 1993, with an adequate budget and certification restored, the library returned to a level of excellent service with 43 hours open to the public, a reinstated full array of children's programs and book purchases that met State standards. State grants, however, were reduced by 25 percent because of the previous year's decertification. Of note, these State grants are important in offsetting underfunded budgets. For instance, in FY 1992, when the library was decertified, all new books were purchased from State grants made available in the previous year.

In June of 1993 at the annual town meeting, a budget was approved for FY 1994 that was somewhat less than the previous year. The Trustees had agreed to this in view of a budget deficit projected by the Selectmen, which would impact all departments. In spite of this, the Trustees anticipated maintaining adequate service and commencing the conversion of catalog files into the Automated Bristol Library Exchange (ABLE) data base. This would fulfill a Town commitment to the State, involving 12 small Towns in the area.

We appreciate the continuing support of the Friends of the Library, especially in the area of motivating children to develop a love of reading and recognition of its importance in broadening their knowledge, which will help them achieve future contentment and success as adults.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Grandfield, Chairman
Robert A. Sullivan, Vice-Chairman
Rita M. Fontinha, Secretary
Barbara A. Roulstone
Elizabeth G. Turner
Joanna E. Savage

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER CULTURAL COUNCIL

The West Bridgewater Cultural Council continues to disburse funds to individuals, groups and organizations that enrich our lives through the arts. It has been the philosophy of the Council to award funds to a variety of artistic endeavors not just within the Town but to those artists and institutions patronized by the citizens of West Bridgewater. Thus funds were awarded to the Fuller Art Museum, the Brockton Symphony Orchestra, Jubilate Chorale, the West Bridgewater Council on Aging, the West Bridgewater Public Library Children's Program, The Friends of the West Bridgewater Public Library for the Reading Is Fundamental Program, the West Bridgewater Parent Teacher Organization, and theater tickets for the second and third grades at the MacDonald School. The Cultural Council with assistance from the Forestry and Parks Department presented a Monday Summer Concert at the gazebo.

Although West Bridgewater receives \$2000, the minimum amount of funds available to any municipality, we hope to continue to disburse these funds so that all members of the community, young and old, will receive pleasure.

The Council wishes to thank Ted Nystrom, Carolyn LePage, and Karen Dyson for six years of dedication. It also wishes to welcome Mike Feresten, Bob Kellogg, Eileen Pratti, and Cookie Veiga.

Respectfully Submitted,
Virginia T. Michael, Chr.

Rita Broman, Secretary
Mike Feresten
Eileen Pratti
Irma Veiga
Helen Wood

Robert Kellogg, Treasurer
Jean Freitas
Beth Roll Smith
Sandra White

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HANDICAPPED COMMISSION

The Handicapped Commission has been appointed by the Selectmen to evaluate the needs of the community in relation to the guidelines established by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991. These needs are not limited to access or egress to public buildings or private buildings with public functions. They can include the availability of sign language interpreters, Braille tests of public reports, community TTD services, audible alarms or flashing alarms, electrical switches, toilet facilities, parking spaces, water fountains, and counter heights.

The Commission is actively seeking input from West Bridgewater citizens concerning their perceived needs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia T. Michael
Annette Eddy

REPORT OF THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

County Extension programs are carried on through Plymouth County in cooperation with the University of Massachusetts and the United States Department of Agriculture. The Cooperative Extension system is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Education programs focus on water quality, horticulture, agriculture, 4-H youth development, nutrition and food, natural resources, leadership development and family life issues facing the County. Volunteer advisory groups work with staff on developing specific programs. Local citizens, appointed by the County Commissioners, serve as County Extension trustees, directing the overall program. The Extension staff serve as a direct link with the University of Massachusetts. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with people and communities through workshops, conferences, field demonstrations, technical assistance, newspaper articles, radio and television. Publications such as regular newsletters and booklets, factsheets, and home study courses, bring information directly to those who need it.

In Plymouth County, the Cooperative Extension outreach office is located on High St. Hanson. In Southeastern Massachusetts regional programs are conducted in cooperation with the Barnstable County Cooperative Extension Program. Satellite offices of UMASS Cooperative Extension are located in Bristol and Norfolk Counties. UMASS Cooperative Extension also operates the Cranberry experiment Research Station, located in Wareham. The Cooperative Extension office (Hanson) is open 8:30-4:30 PM Mon-Fri. Currently the county field staff consists of a County Director, two 4-H Youth Development Specialists, a Nutrition/Family Life Educator, and a Landscape/Nursery Specialist. A federally funded Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, which has been active in Plymouth County since 1969, is run under the auspices of Cooperative Extension. Currently, one supervisor, and three outreach educators work in this program conducting a UMASS nutrition education certificate course. For more detailed information on the County Cooperative Extension program contact the county office at Box 658, Hanson, MA 02341. (617) 293-3541 or 447-5946.

PROGRAM OUTREACH — During the last 12 months County Cooperative Extension agents conducted 510 educational outreach programs. **CABLE TV** — Eighty-five cable TV shows “Extension News & Notes” have been produced by Plymouth County Cooperative Extension. All but 3 Plymouth County towns use this half-hour Cooperative Extension cable TV program in their weekly community access channel, reaching over 100,000 households. Extension’s free video lending library lists over 100 popular titles for home viewing for residents. **RADIO** — Every Sunday morning at 8:10 AM on WBET (Brockton), Cooperative Extension staff present a 15 minute broadcast on upcoming programs and timely educational topics. **NEWSLETTERS** — Cooperative Extension publishes 15 newsletters in the area on Natural resources and Agriculture for residents and commercial growers. A master list of these is available from the County Extension office. **FACTSHEETS** — Cooperative Extension has numerous fact sheets available to the public. Multiple copies of the order form “100 Most Popular Tip Sheets” are distributed routinely to libraries, Town halls and local cooperating agencies. Current research in the areas of landscape, horticulture, nutrition and youth and family development are included.

SERVICES — The county Cooperative Extension office has information and instruction forms to have your soil tested. UMASS Cooperative Extension Soil Analysis Lab tests for soil pH and complete soil analysis. Pressure gauge tests for home canners are conducted at the County Extension office. **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS** — A wide variety of teacher training workshops, lectures and on-site field demonstrations are conducted. 200 key county agencies receive a monthly mailing listing local Cooperative Extension activities.

4-H — Farley Outdoor Education Center is a non-profit regional ACA accredited camp run by a Board of Directors representing 4-H in SE Massachusetts. Information on this facility can be obtained from the Plymouth County Cooperative Extension office.

ADVISORY BOARD(S) AND TRUSTEES

Some key groups that oversee the work of Cooperative Extension are as follows:

Board of Trustees:

Plymouth County Cooperative Extension programs and budget are reviewed by a 9-member Board. They are appointed by Plymouth County Commissioners. Members serving in 1993 were:

County Commissioner Robert Stone - Whitman

John Burnett, Jr. - Whitman

Joseph "Mal" Denly - Brockton

Dorothy Dwyer - Norwell

Edward Nicolas - Plymouth

William Remes - Carver

Matthew Striggles - Bridgewater

Lenore Swanson - Plympton

John Weckbacher - Abington

County 4-H Advisory Council:

The active county 4-H program looks to a 9-member advisory group to assist with fundraising, program reviews and promotion. They are appointed by the Plymouth County Board of Trustees.

Charles Smith, Chm. - E. Bridgewater

Lindsay Blake - Duxbury

Carol Holloway - Halifax

Sherri Jacobs - Halifax

One Vacancy

Linda Ransom - Hanson

Patricia Schembari - Hanover

Deborah Simonis - Brockton

Janice Strojny - Kingston

Town Directors:

M.G.L. Ch. 128 outlines the Cooperative Extension System functions. It allows for Town Directors to serve in the capacity as a local liaison. These towns contribute additional funds to assist Cooperative Extension programs. Annual Cooperative Extension reports are published in their town documents. Directors are: James Franey, Abington; Richard Wyman, Bridgewater; Dorothy Angley, Carver; Eileen Rawson, Duxbury; Ed Smith, East Bridgewater; Russell Sturtevant, Halifax; Leander B. Nichols, Hanover; Robert Haviland, Hingham; Jean Catto, Lakeville; George Fraser, Kingston; John North, Marshfield; James Archer, Marion; David Blanchard, Middleboro; E. Dana Cashin, Norwell; Brian Baragwanath, Pembroke; Edward Kierstead, Plympton; Georgia Chamberlain, Rochester; Jerrilyn Quinlan, Scituate; Clifford Carlson, West Bridgewater and Leon Millette, Jr. Whitman.

Members of the County Staff:

- Mary M. McBrady, County Extension Director
- Marjorie A. Mahoney, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development
- Robert O. Mott, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development
- Mary "Liz" O'Donoghue, Extension Specialist, Nutrition and Family Life
- Deborah C. Swanson, Extension Specialist, Landscape and Nursery
- Betty Ann Francis, Head Administrative Clerk

Staff Funded by Federal or State Program Grants:

- Andrea B. Gulezian, Nutrition Education Program Supervisor
- Agnes Smith, Special Program Coordinator
- Maria Pique, Nutrition Educator
- Joyce Rose, Nutrition Educator
- Faith Burbank, Extension Specialist, Water Quality
- Anita Sprague, Senior Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. McBrady, County Director

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit my annual report for the year 1993. There were 98 Plumbing applications filed for Plumbing permits.

There were 137 Plumbing inspections made in the following types of buildings:

New Dwellings	16
Old Dwellings	75
Commercial Buildings	13
Public Buildings	3
Total	81

There were 72 Water Heaters installed.

The Massachusetts State Plumbing Code is used as a basis for all Plumbing installations.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Donovan
Plumbing & Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is a report of the nature and the status of the litigation in which the Town of West Bridgewater had been involved or is currently involved as of the date of this report:

Francis M. Silvia, et al
V.
Building Inspector of Town of West Bridgewater and
Town of West Bridgewater

This action was brought by the plaintiffs in the Plymouth County Superior Court in 1982 to enjoin the Town from interfering with the use of their land. The complaint was subsequently amended to request damages against certain Town officials for alleged violations of the plaintiffs' civil rights. This case was tried in the Superior Court on November 6, 1991, and the Court made certain findings for the plaintiffs and as damages awarded them attorneys' fees. The Town appealed the Superior Court decision to the Appeals Court. The Appeals Court reversed the decision of the Superior Court and found for the defendant Town officials. This case has, accordingly, been favorably disposed of.

Paul E. Gureckis
V.
Zoning Board of Appeals

This is an appeal by the plaintiff of a decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals denying the plaintiff's application for a variance to permit the construction in a General Residential and Farming Zoning District of an 850 foot commercial TV-radio tower and a building to house transmission equipment. This case is pending trial in the Plymouth County Superior Court.

Building Inspector of Town of West Bridgewater
V.
Marie Lacerda and Dennis Lacerda

This is an action brought in the Superior Court by the Building Inspector to enjoin the defendants from using their premises in violation of the Town's Zoning By-Laws. A preliminary injunction was granted to the Town, and a trial on the merits is still pending.

Town of West Bridgewater
V.
Joseph Galvin

This is a complaint brought by the Town in the Plymouth County Superior Court seeking to obtain damages from the defendant with respect to a defective ladder truck sold by him to the Town. The case is pending trial.

United States of America
V.
Brockton Employment and Training Consortium,
City of Brockton, Town of West Bridgewater and Other Towns

This was a complaint brought by the plaintiff in the United States District Court seeking damages against the defendants arising out of the operation of the Brockton Employment and Training Consortium. This case has been settled.

Gerald J. Kelleher, Raymond A. Mucci and Maxwell Andelman
V.
Town of West Bridgewater

This is an action brought by the plaintiffs in the Plymouth County Superior Court seeking additional damages for a taking by the Town of their land by eminent domain for the purpose of public water supply. This case is pending trial.

Steven D. Crawford
V.
Ira S. Smith

This is a complaint brought in the Superior Court by the Town's Building Inspector to obtain a preliminary injunction ordering the defendant to comply with the Town's Zoning By-Laws. This case was dismissed after the defendant brought his property into compliance.

Steven D. Crawford
V.
A & E Realty Trust and Victor Guerreiro

This is a complaint brought in the Superior Court by the Town's Building Inspector to obtain a preliminary injunction ordering the defendants to comply with the Town's Zoning By-Laws and with the State Building Code. This case is pending hearing in the Superior Court.

Steven D. Crawford
V.
Glad Acres Realty Trust, Jeffrey M. Stitt
and Family Fun Factory, Inc.

This is a complaint brought in the Superior Court by the Town's Building Inspector to obtain a preliminary injunction enjoining the defendants from occupying the second floor of the building located at 320 West Center Street until the building is in full compliance with the State Building Code. This case was dismissed after the defendant brought its property into compliance.

Steven D. Crawford
V.
Board of Appeals of the Town of West Bridgewater

This is an action brought in the Superior Court by appealing the constructive granting of a permit alleged to have been earlier denied by the Building Inspector. The case is pending trial.

Steven D. Crawford
V.
Gregory Johnson

This is an action brought in the Superior Court by the Building Inspector to enjoin the defendant from using his property to store construction equipment. A preliminary injunction was granted to the Town, and a trial on the merits is pending.

Steven D. Crawford
V.
C & L Realty Trust, Paul Colandrea and Richard Leonard

This is a complaint brought by the Building Inspector to enjoin the defendants from using their premises in violation of the Town's Zoning By-Laws. A trial on the merits is still pending.

Stephen Ando Paul Contractors, Inc., et al
V.
Town of West Bridgewater Zoning Board of Appeals

This is a complaint brought by the plaintiffs in Plymouth Superior Court seeking Declaratory Judgment invalidating the West Bridgewater Zoning By-Law as applied to the plaintiffs' property. The case is pending trial.

Stephen Ando Paul Contractors, Inc., et al
V.
Town of West Bridgewater Zoning Board of Appeals

This is a complaint brought by the plaintiff in Brockton District Court appealing the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals with respect to the plaintiffs' request for a variance. The case is pending trial.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Lee
Town Counsel

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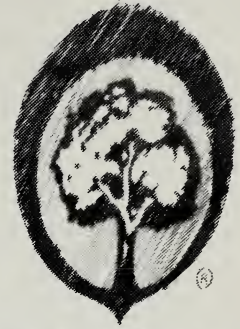
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The National Arbor Day Foundation



In Memoriam

P. DOUGLAS EATON

Police Chief

JOHN JACK ELDRIDGE

Moderator

Dedication

The 1994 Annual Town Report is dedicated to all Town employees, past and present, who, despite ongoing fiscal constraints, continue to serve the Town of West Bridgewater with dedication and pride.

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OFFICERS and COMMITTEES

of the Town of

WEST BRIDGEWATER

for the year ending December 31

1994

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen hereby submits its 173rd Annual Town Report:

The year of 1994 was a year of important events and great changes for the town and those who serve the town, especially for the Board. Judith A. Kinney ran unopposed and was elected to her fourth term as selectman in April. Eldon Moreira became Chairman of the Board at their reorganization shortly thereafter.

After depleting the ranks of Permanent Intermittent Police Officers the previous year, in order to put on tow additional patrolmen, the Board appointed four new Permanent Intermittent Police Officers in February; Michael Cummings, Stephen Nelson, Keith Nunes and Daniel Thom.

Personnel in other departments under the Board of Selectmen also changed: James Woods retired from the Highway Department, and Barbara Roulstone left the Treasurer/Collector's office. The Board expresses its appreciation for their dedicated service to the town.

The Board appointed the following throughout the year: Ann Marie Raymond and Kevan Sullivan, Treasurer/Collector's office; Shawn Anderson, Highway Department; Sean Littlehale, Forestry Department; and Kenneth May, Firefighter.

The Board continues to support the town's participation in the Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) and the Manley Street Safety Association (MSSA). Due to MSSA, bids were finally awarded for the long sought and eagerly awaited traffic light at Manley Street and Route 106. This project is being undertaken with local, state and federal dollars. Businesses in MSSA funded the engineering and design work for the project.

This year, the Board began to grapple with the problems of the 100-year old Town Hall building and commissioned a study to determine the best course of action. The building needs major renovation and to be brought into compliance with ADA requirements. At the same time, the Board met regularly with the Senior Site Search Committee to find a permanent home for our Senior Center. In the summer an opportunity was presented that appeared to offer solutions to both problems. The Willowbrook Estate property at 35 East Center Street was offered for sale and the town commissioned a follow-up study on this property to see if it would better meet the town's needs than repairing the existing Town Hall.

In addition to all of this, the members of the Board of Selectmen continue to carry out the duties of the Local Licensing Authority and the Appointing Authority and represent the Town of West Bridgewater in connection with the activities of the Old Colony Planning Council, the Brockton Area Transit Authority, Plymouth County Advisory Board, Plymouth County Selectmen's Association and the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association. In April, Richard Freitas took over the duties of Parking Clerk, donating hours of work in completing the responsibilities associated with the position. He succeeds

Mrs. Kinney who held the position for ten years. The Selectmen also contribute a great deal of their time to volunteer projects such as Beautification Committee and the Stars and Stripes, the Memorial and Veterans Day celebration and many other activities.

At this time, the selectmen would like to extend their continuing gratitude to everyone who has contributed their time and financial resources to the town. As always, we are in need of even more good volunteers to serve on boards and committees. Please feel free to send a letter of interest to the Selectmen if you would like to serve in any capacity.

The Board of Selectmen would also like to thank all town employees, department heads and board and committee members for their efforts on behalf of the Town of West Bridgewater. All town employees are to be commended for the extra effort they put forth to continue to provide our community with quality service.

We wish to acknowledge the efforts of the Confidential Secretary Linda Sousa; and her assistant Louise Brouillard for their dedication to carrying out the wishes of our Board and all who seek help through our office. Unfortunately, as the year was ending, Linda announced her plans to move on to a position in the private sector, after serving our board diligently for six years. She will be missed. At about the same time, Louise was selected as a planner for the Southeast Regional Planning Association and left at the beginning of December.

Most especially, we wish to commend our Administrative Assistant, Beth Faricy. She is the liaison for our Board, and as such has the responsibilities of overseeing all Town Departments; Commissions and Boards. She is also our liaison to Town Counsel and as such, must keep this Board up to date on everything that comes before the Board whether by the public or town departments. She is also our liaison to all town employees and must act, therefore, as mediator in many cases, assessing any disputes and/or recognitions that may come before our Board. With her dedication and countless hours working at this position, we offer our sincerest appreciation.

Our new Confidential Secretary, Donna Moore arrived just as the old year was ringing out and the new year was poised to begin. We welcome her to our office and look forward to a new year of promise for all.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldon F. Moreira, Chairman
Richard J. Freitas, Clerk
Judith A. Kinney, Member

STATISTICS
of the
TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

1994 - TOWN CENSUS - 6792

PRECINCT ONE

Republican 491 Democrat 491 Unenrolled 1122

PRECINCT TWO

Republican 415 Democrat 352 Unenrolled 1099

TOTAL VOTERS 3921

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESIDENCES 2416

Area of Town - 15.75 square miles

62 miles of Water Mains

Local Road Mileage -70

Councillor - Second District
KELLY A. TIMILTY

Senator in General Court
WILLIAM R. KEATING

Representative in General Court - Tenth Plymouth District
CHRISTINE E. CANAVAN

1995

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - June 5, 1995

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION - April 15, 1995

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS 1994

	Elected	Term Expires
MODERATOR		
Warren E. Turner.....	1994	1995
TOWN CLERK		
Marion L. Leonard.....	1994	1997
SELECTMEN		
Richard J. Freitas.....	1992	1995
Eldon F. Moreira.....	1993	1996
Judith A. Kinney.....	1994	1997
ASSESSORS		
DeSales Heath.....	1992	1995
Irving W. Puffer.....	1993	1996
Gary A. Boyd (resigned).....	1994	1997
Fred R. Adams (appointed).....	1994	1995
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY		
Elizabeth Turner.....	1992	1995
Joanna (Jodi) Savage.....	1992	1995
James L. Grandfield.....	1993	1996
Barbara Roulstone.....	1993	1996
Rita Fontinha.....	1994	1997
Robert Sullivan.....	1994	1997
REGIONAL-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
Eugene Kostecki.....	1994	1998
SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
Mark K. Burley.....	1992	1995
Nora M. Torres-Bradford.....	1992	1995
Linda S. Santry.....	1993	1996
Jeffrey P. Russell.....	1993	1996
R. Linn Peterson.....	1994	1997
David Gill.....	1994	1997
WATER COMMISSIONERS		
David L. Churchill.....	1992	1995
John W. Noyes.....	1993	1996
Donald G. Asack.....	1994	1997
TREE WARDEN		
Christopher Iannitelli.....	1992	1995
CONSTABLES		
Raymond L. Silva.....	1992	1995
Walter Thayer.....	1992	1995
BOARD OF HEALTH		
Marie T. Bagley.....	1992	1995
Sandra Asack.....	1993	1996
Edward F. Cruz.....	1994	1997

PLANNING BOARD

Howard Anderson.....	1990	1995
Hugh Hurley.....	1991	1996
Gerald Stetson.....	1992	1997
Grete Bohannon.....	1993	1998
James Henderson.....	1994	1999

HOUSING AUTHORITY

John Cruz.....	1993	1995
Richard Freitas (appointed).....	1994	1995
Joan K. Johnson.....	1991	1996
Raymund Rogers (State Appointee).....	1992	1997
Richard C. Williams.....	1993	1998
Jean Freitas (Deceased).....	1994	1999

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Elizabeth D. Faricy

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Marilyn Gordon

ADMINISTRATOR OF INSURANCE

Elizabeth D. Faricy

Ronald W. Pacy

BOARD OF APPEALS

Walter Thayer.....	1990	1995
William E. Lucini (Chairman).....	1991	1996
George O. Merritt.....	1992	1997
Lars (Gary) Eliasson.....	1993	1998
Michael D. Feresten.....	1994	1999
Associate Members:		
James Henderson.....	1993	1998
John DeCosta, Jr.....	1994	1999

BAY CIRCUIT GREEN BELT COMMITTEE

Howard Hayward, Rep.

Conservation Commission

Historical Commission

BROCKTON AREA MENTAL HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE

Vacant

BROCKTON AREA RETARDATION REPRESENTATIVE

Vacant

BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Richard J. Freitas, Designee

BUILDING INSPECTOR
 Steven D. Crawford
ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR
 David Moore (on call)

BUILDING NEEDS AND USE COMMITTEE

Vacancy.....	1992	1995
Thomas Dunlevy.....	1993	1996
Vacancy.....	1993	1996
Vacancy.....	1994	1997
Vacancy.....	1994	1997

BY-LAW STUDY COMMITTEE

Not Reappointed

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Julio Miglierini.....	1992	1995
Donald Miller.....	1992	1995
Peter Turner.....	1993	1996
Michael D. Feresten.....	1993	1996
Edward H. Patenaud.....	1994	1997
Richard Domingos.....	1994	1997

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Elizabeth D. Faricy

COMPUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Frederick Baker, Jr.

Robert Kellogg

Warren E. Turner, ex-officio

Venison Turner

Francis Mahoney

Charles G. Pye III

CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

Linda J. Souza (Resigned)

Donna M. Moore

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Quentin Holmes.....	1992	1995
James Lorrain.....	1992	1995
Joseph Souza.....	1993	1996
Howard Hayward.....	1993	1996
Ann Fagan.....	1994	1997

COUNCIL ON AGING

Lloyd Sears.....	1992	1995
Frank Nelson.....	1992	1995
George Massey.....	1994	1995
Helen Nelson.....	1992	1995
Virginia T. Michael.....	1993	1996
Julio Miglierini.....	1993	1996

Jacqueline Barber.....	1993	1996
Pauline Peterson.....	1993	1996
Theresa Rizel.....	1994	1996
Anna E. Brown.....	1994	1997
Irene Willis.....	1994	1997
David J. Cohen.....	1994	1997

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Beth Roll Smith.....	1993	1995
Virginia T. Michael.....	1993	1995
Helen Wood.....	1993	1995
Rita Broman.....	1993	1995
Michael D. Feresten.....	1993	1995
Robert Kellogg.....	1994	1996
Irma Veiga.....	1994	1996
Eileen Pratti.....	1994	1996

DOG OFFICER

Julie Vivace

DRURY BELL COMMITTEE

Richard J. Freitas

Eldon F. Moreira

Judith A. Kinney

Vacancy

FENCE VIEWERS

Joseph Souza

Harold Hallberg

Hugh Hurley

FIELD DRIVERS

George Kinney

George Richardson

Howard Anderson

FINANCE COMMITTEE -BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON

Marilyn Gordon

FIRE CHIEF

Leonard T. Hunt

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Leonard T. Hunt

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADHOC STUDY COMMITTEE

Paul Gonyea

Gary Keith

Steven DeLuca

James Rocha

Leonard T. Hunt (ex-officio)

HANDICAPPED ACCESS COMMITTEE

Virginia T. Michael

Vacancy

Vacancy

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

Leonard T. Hunt

HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

S. Erick Benson
Phyllis Bickford
Ronald Broman
Raymund Rogers
Gary Keith
Paul Golder

HERITAGE CAPSULE CUSTODIANS

Joan McAndrew.....	1993	1995
Vacancy.....		1994
Vacancy.....	1993	1996

HERRING WARDEN

Thomas B. MacQuinn
Donald E. Jenness, Sr., Deputy
Joseph Souza, Deputy

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

John Newell.....	1992	1995
Lawrence Conant.....	1992	1995
Gilbert Robery.....	1993	1996
Jodi Lynne Cruz.....	1994	1997
Vacancy.....	1994	1997
Vacancy.....	1994	1997

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Robert DeMarino.....	1992	1995
Samuel Read.....	1991	1996
David L Churchill.....	1992	1997
Gary Eliasson.....	1993	1998
Vacancy.....	1994	1999
Advisory Committee:		
Vacancy		1995
Vacancy		1995

LOCKUP KEEPER

Walter Thayer

MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE

Robert Splitz
Michael Feresten
Michael Centrella

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

Judith A. Kinney
Marion Leonard
Richard McMahon

MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

Irene Churchill.....	1992	1995
Lauren Finch.....	1991	1995
Robert McKean.....	1993	1996
Charles R. Barros.....	1994	1997
Venison Turner.....	1991	1994

O. C. P. C. AREA AGENCY ON AGING

David Cohen, Delegate

Pauline Peterson, Alternate

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

Elden F. Moreira, Delegate.....1992 1995

Nancy Bresciani, Alternate.....1993 1995

OLD COLONY OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Vacancy

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Donald E. Newman, Delegate

Richard J. Freitas, Alternate

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES, INC.

Joan K. Johnson, Delegate

Mary D. Keylor, Alternate

George Massey, Alternate

OLD COLONY SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Vacancy

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Howard M. Hayward

PARKING CLERK

Richard J. Freitas

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL DESIGNEE

Eldon F. Moreira

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD DESIGNEE

Eldon F. Moreira

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

Joseph Donovan

POLICE CHIEF

Howard R. Anderson

PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT

Christopher D. Iannitelli.....1992 1995

RECREATION COMMISSION

Inactive

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

John S. Newell III

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Anna E. Brown.....1992 1995

Janet Merritt.....1993 1996

Francis J. Boyd.....1994 1997

Marion L. Leonard.....1994 1997

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Herbert A. Wolfer

SENIOR SITE SEARCH COMMITTEE

David J. Cohen

Howard R. Anderson

Frank W. Nelson, Jr.

Anna E. Brown

Joan K. Johnson
Richard J. Freitas
Lloyd Sears
Eldon Moreira
Elizabeth Faricy

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Donald E. Newman

TENNIS COURT COMMITTEE

Marianne Lorrain

Kevin Kelley

Ethel T. Fisher, Honorary

TOWN COUNCIL

John P. Lee, Esquire

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Thomas B. MacQuinn

Christopher D. Iannitelli

Keith R. Hahl

George Kinney

TOWN PARK COMMITTEE

Bruce Holmquist

Marian MacDonald

Christopher Iannitelli

Christopher Werner

Jerry Lawrence

Jack MacDonald

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

John G. Duggan

VETERANS AGENT

Armen Amerigian

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL

Richard Krugger, Jr.

WIRING INSPECTOR

Albert K. Greiner

ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR

Albert K. Greiner

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR
COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Joanna Savage

Marion Loughman

Michael Manugian

Paul Sheedy

Henry Bishop

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

John B. Sillars

Raymond L. Silva

Arthur Steptoe

John Daly

**BUSINESSMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TO BY-LAW STUDY COMMITTEE**

Irene Churchill
Merton Ouderkirk
Paul Colandrea
Walter Thayer
John Peterson

FINANCE COMMITTEE

William D. Pope, Chmn.....	1991	1994
Steven Evans.....	1992	1995
Sonja J. Bolmant.....	1992	1995
Frederick A. McPeck (resigned).....	1992	1995
Robert L. Smith.....	1993	1996
Kevin Kelley.....	1994	1996
Eileen M. Flaherty.....	1994	1997
Jodi-Lynne Cruz.....	1994	1997
Patricia Lindskog.....	1994	1996

MODERATORS COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL RESTORATION

William Pope
John F. Bottini, Jr.
Warren Sederberg
Richard Freitas
Sonja Bolmant
David Gill
Jeffrey Russell
Victor Flaherty

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

Howard A. Anderson
Richard Anderson

BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICIAN

Dr. Brian Blanchette

BURIAL AGENTS

Marion L. Leonard
Nancy L. Morrison
Bruce Holmquist

APPOINTMENTS BY THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Richard W. Gibson

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Paul R. Lanoue
Michael D. St. George
Gerald E. Stetson
Richard W. Gibson
Paul Golder
Allen A. Breer
James J. Rocha
Thomas Dunlevy

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

APRIL 16, 1994

The Annual Town Election was held at the Howard/Spring Street School on Saturday, April 16, 1994. The Warrant issued by the Selectmen, was posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva in accordance with the provisions of the Towns By-laws.

Specimen ballots, cards of instructions and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the laws of the Commonwealth.

The polls were opened at 9:00 AM as required by the Town's By-laws. The ballot boxes in both precincts were inspected and the registers set a 0000. A total of 3,000 ballots were given to the Wardens, John B. Sillars and Bruce Holmquist, and receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 PM, the ballot boxes registered a total of 256 votes cast.

The following workers were sworn in:

Precinct 1. Bruce Holmquist, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Helen Johnson, Karolyn Boyd, Greta Edson, Anne Garvey, Checkers; Barbara Roulstone, Joan McAndrews, Theresa Boardman, Counters; Claire Davock, Lois Ketler, Tally.

Precinct 2. John Sillars, Warden; Sharon Leonard, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Meredith Lightfoot, Barbara Tufts, Steve Hasomeris, Checkers; Pamela Humphreys, Nancy Morrison, Janet Merritt, Counters; JoAnn Sillars, Joseph Souza, Tally.

Andrew Gill and Sean Sullivan assisted with setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The results were as follows:

MODERATOR, 1 year	Vote for One	# of Votes
Warren E. Turner		207
Blanks		49
	Warren E. Turner Declared Elected	
TOWN CLERK, 3 years	Vote for One	
Marion L. Leonard		233
Blanks		23
	Marion L. Leonard Declared Elected	
SELECTMEN, 3 years	Vote for One	
Judith A. Kinney		199
Blanks		57
	Judith A. Kinney Declared Elected	

ASSESSOR, 3 years	Vote for One	# of Votes
Gary A. Boyd		203
Blanks		50
	Gary A. Boyd Declared Elected	
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3 years	Vote for Two	
Robert Sullivan		206
Rita Fontinha		190
Blanks		116
	Robert Sullivan Declared Elected	
	Rita Fontinha Declared Elected	
WATER COMMISSIONER, 3 years	Vote for One	
Donald Asack		216
Blanks		38
	Donald Asack Declared Elected	
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 3 years	Vote for Two	
R. Linn Peterson		191
David Gill		189
Blanks		132
	R. Linn Peterson Declared Elected	
	David Gill Declared Elected	
BOARD OF HEALTH, 3 years	Vote for One	
Edward Cruz		192
Blanks		64
	Edward Cruz Declared Elected	
PLANNING BOARD, 5 years	Vote for One	
James Henderson		210
Blanks		64
	James Henderson Declared Elected	
HOUSING AUTHORITY, 5 years	Vote for One	
Jean Freitas		216
Blanks		44
	Jean Freitas Declared Elected	

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

APRIL 30, 1995

A Special Town Election was held at the Howard/Spring Street School on Saturday, April 30, 1994. The Warrant, issued by the Selectmen, was posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva in accordance with the provisions of the Town's By-laws.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the laws of the Commonwealth.

The polls opened at 9:00 AM as required by the Town's By-laws. The ballot boxes in both precincts were inspected and the registers set at 0000. A total of 3,000 ballots were given to the Wardens, John B. Sillars and Bruce Holmquist, and receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 PM, the ballot boxes registered a total of 1,097 votes cast.

The following workers were sworn in:

Precinct 1. Bruce Holmquist, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Helen Johnson, Helen Nelson, Karolyn Boyd, Lucille Boyd, Checkers; Joan McAndrews, Theresa Boardman, Cindy Kameese, Counters; JoAnn Sillars, Anna Brown, Tally.

Precinct 2. John Sillars, Warden; Joseph Kameese, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Barbara Tufts, Meredith Lightfoot, Irene Willis, Checkers; Janet Merritt, Alice Richardson, Barbara Roulstone, Counters; Pamela Humphreys, Claire Davock, Tally.

The results were as follows:

Question:

"Shall the Town of West Bridgewater be allowed to exempt from the provision of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct, equip, and furnish a new Howard School, and to reconstruct, remodel, refurbish or repair the junior-senior high school and Spring Street School".

Yes - 638 No - 457
Blanks - 2

Question Declared Passed

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MONDAY - MAY 16, 1994

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on May 2, 1994.

The meeting was called to order in the cafeteria of Howard School at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator, Warren E. Turner. Due to the unexpected number of residents in attendance, the meeting was recessed and moved to the High School Auditorium. The meeting was reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

With 348 qualified voters present, the meeting proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the design, construction, equipping and furnishing of a new Howard School and the construction, remodeling, refurbishing and repair of the Junior-Senior High School and Spring Street School; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: That \$5,800.00 is appropriated for the design, construction, equipping and furnishing of a new Howard School and the Construction, remodeling, refurbishing and repair of the Junior-Senior High School and Spring Street School; that to meet this appropriation the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$5,800.00 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

Upon counted vote, motion passed. 327 - yes 45 - no

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the first year of a Collective Bargaining Agreement for members of the West Bridgewater Police Association, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to transfer from "Free Cash" the sum of \$20,000.00 to fund the first year of a collective bargaining agreement for members of the West Bridgewater Police Association.

Upon vote motion passed.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the first year of a Collective Bargaining Agreement for members of the Highway, Tree and Canine Control Departments.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from "Free Cash" the sum of \$2,200.00 to fund the first year of a collective bargaining agreement for members of the Highway,

Tree and Canine Control Departments.

Upon vote motion passed.

**MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO RECONSIDER ARTICLE 1.
UPON VOTE MOTION WAS DEFEATED WITH ONLY 12 NOS.**

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the cost of engineering and/or architectural services to determine the feasibility of renovations and/or additions to the existing town hall structure in view of current A.D.A. (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements, and to review the existing town hall site as to its adequacy with regard to septic system, parking, traffic flow, water supply and space needs of Town Departments.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from "Free Cash" the sum of \$10,000.00 to fund the cost of engineering and/or architectural services to determine the feasibility of renovations and/or additions to the existing town hall structure in view of current A.D.A. (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements, and to review the existing Town Hall site as to its adequacy with regarding to septic system, parking, traffic flow, water supply and space needs of Town Departments.

Upon vote, motion passed.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of West Bridgewater by changing the first paragraph of Section 4F under the heading of General Residential and Farming Districts to read as follows:

F. Hospitals, Convalescent Homes, Nursing Homes, Rest Homes, Halfway Houses, Residential Detention Facilities, Group Residencies, Troubled Youth Centers and other specified uses of similar nature and private clubs nonprofit, except golf and Country Clubs, only by special permit granted by the Board of Selectmen, except as is otherwise provided herein, pursuant to the appropriate provisions of Chapter 40A of the General Laws. The Special Permit Granting Authority for any such uses which are located in a Water Resource Protection District Zone or Subzones shall be designated under the Water Resource Protection District set forth in these Zoning By-Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of West Bridgewater by changing the first paragraph of Section 4F under the heading of General Residential and Farming Districts to read as printed in the warrant for this Special Town Meeting.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to meet the expense of the State Unemployment budget (01-9130-5173-000/Unemployment Charges) for the remainder of the fiscal year.

MOVE: That the town vote to transfer from "Free Cash" the sum of \$15,000.00

to meet the expenses of the state unemployment budget (01-9130-5173-000/unemployment charges) for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay an old bill from FY93 incurred in the Veterans Services budget (01-5430-5774-0000/Hospital Expense).

MOVE: That the town vote to transfer from "Free Cash" the sum of \$14,013.87 to pay an old bill from FY93 incurred in the Veterans Services budget (001-5430-5774-0000/Hospital Expense).

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to meet the operating costs of the West Bridgewater Public Library for FY94, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to transfer from "Free Cash" the sum of \$10,000.00 to meet the operating costs of the West Bridgewater Public Library for FY94.

MOTION TO AMEND #1. To reduce the total amount of appropriation from \$10,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

MOTION TO AMEND #2. To appropriate the \$10,000.00 to be transferred from "Free Cash" and to limit it's expenditure to books only.

**AMENDMENT #2 VOTED ON FIRST: UPON VOTE AMENDMENT PASSED
AMENDMENT #1 DEFEATED**

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E, which permits the town, when making an appropriation for the annual operating costs of any department or board, to offset such costs, in part or in the aggregate, by the estimated receipts from the fees charged to users of the services provided by such department or board, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to accept the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E, which permits the town, when making an appropriation for the annual operating costs of any department or board, to offset such costs, in part or in the aggregate, by the estimated receipts from the fees charged to users of the services provided by such department or board.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to pay for

asbestos removal at the Cyr Street pumping station, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 from Water Surplus to be expended by the Water Commissioners to pay for asbestos removal at the Cyr Street pumping station.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 11. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:45 P.M., PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

A True Copy Attest:
Marion L. Leonard, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 13, 1994

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on June 6, 1994.

The meeting was called to order in the gymnasium of the West Bridgewater Junior-Senior High School at 7:30 p.m.

With 209 qualified voters and 15 guests present, the meeting proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To hear reports of all town officers and act thereon.

MOVE: That the reports of all town officers and committees be accepted as printed in the 1993 annual town report.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to determine the salaries of the following elected town officers of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994: Moderator, Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Board of Health, Tree Warden, Board of Assessors and Water Commissioners.

The following officers to serve without pay: Library Trustees, Planning Board and School Committee, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the salaries of the following elected town officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994, be set at:

Moderator	\$ 226.00
Selectmen	7,000.00
Town Clerk	26,762.00
Board of Health	1,673.00
Tree Warden	1,040.00
Assessors	7,112.00
Water Comm.	4,877.00

The following officers to serve without pay: Library Trustees, School Committee and Planning Board.

MOTION TO AMEND THAT THE TOWN CLERK'S SALARY BE SET AT \$31,500 BEGINNING JULY 1, 1994.

Upon vote, amendment defeated. Yes 56 No 88
Upon vote, motion passed unanimously

ARTICLE 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994, and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Meeting was recessed at 8:00 p.m. for a Special Town Meeting.
Meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

MOVE: That the sum of \$10,318,376.00 be appropriated to defray the town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994, said sum to be raised by taxation and by transfers from available funds and to be allocated to and expended for the specific line items and purposes delineated in the Annual Report of the Finance Committee as amended.

Upon vote amended amount of \$10,333,376.00 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to rescind the balance of borrowing authorized, but never issued, at the Special Town Meeting of January 11, 1990, under Article #1 for the purchase of the property located at 123 North Elm Street and known as "Robery Farm", or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to rescind the balance of borrowing authorized, but

never issued, at the Special Town meeting of January 11, 1990 under Article #1 for the purchase of the property located at 123 North Elm Street and known as the "Robery Farm" in the amount of \$256,600.00.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to rescind Article 1 of the September 9, 1975 Special Town Meeting by striking from the first sentence the word "twelve" and reverting to the original article establishing a Council on Aging consisting of nine members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen approved at the 1971 Annual Town Meeting, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into compensating balance agreements during fiscal year 1995, as permitted by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into compensating balance agreements during fiscal year 1995, as permitted by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Social Day Care Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: The town vote to authorize, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the establishment of a revolving fund for receipts received by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging from the operation of its Social Day Care Program, such fund to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to be expended under the direction of the director of Elder Services. The total amount to be expended from such fund in fiscal year 1995 shall not exceed \$29,180.00 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Nutrition Program to be used by

the Council to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$15,000.00, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to authorize, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the establishment of a revolving fund for receipts received by the Council on Aging from the operation of its Nutrition Program, such fund to be used by the Council on Aging to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to be expended under the direction of the Director of Elder Services. The total amount to be expended from such fund in fiscal year 1995 shall not exceed \$15,000.00 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Conservation Wetlands Protection filing fees in accordance with Section 54 of Chapter 287 of the Acts of 1989 for use by the Conservation Commission in carrying out its duties under the Wetlands Protection Act, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to transfer \$1,500.00 from Conservation Wetlands Protection filing fees in accordance with Section 54 of Chapter 287 of the Acts of 1989 for use by the Conservation Commission carrying out its duties under the Wetlands Protection Act.

MOTION TO HOLD ARTICLE 10 UNTIL AFTER ARTICLE 40 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Conservation Commission to purchase consultant services for updating the town's Open Space Plan in order to maintain eligibility for state and federal grants. The Open Space Plan, good for five (5) years, expires in November, 1993; but no funds were available to provide for an update, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to transfer from "Free Cash" the sum of \$1,500.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase consultant services for updating the town's Open Space Plan in order to maintain eligibility for state and federal grants.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for the purchase of books and materials for said library and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and

which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$2,000.00, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to authorize, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the establishment of a revolving fund for receipts received by the West Bridgewater Public Library from fines and fees, such fund to be used by the Public Library of the purchase of books and materials for said library and to be expended under the direction of the Library Director. The total amount to be expended from such fund in fiscal year 1995 shall not exceed \$2,000.00 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to provide for clerical assistance to accelerate the process of retrospective conversion and data entry onto the ABLE network system so that the library may go on line within a year and one-half, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to transfer form "Free Cash" the sum of \$3,840.00 to provide for clerical assistance to accelerate the process of retrospective conversion and data entry onto the ABLE network system.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase high ceiling fans for the library, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to transfer from "Free Cash" the sum of \$2,500.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase high ceiling fans for the library.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to equip the new pumping engine for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to borrow the sum of \$12,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to equip the new pumping engine for the Fire Department.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen

to replace self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to transfer from "Free Cash" the sum of \$10,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to replace self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to replace/update radio equipment in the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to transfer from "Free Cash" the sum of \$6,500.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to replace/update radio equipment in the Fire Department.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to replace and upgrade the present fuel depot facility at the Fire Station to bring this facility into compliance with applicable regulations; such upgrade shall include, but not be limited to, the replacement of the underground storage tanks and the resurfacing of the affected area, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to borrow the sum of \$70,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to replace and upgrade the present fuel depot facility at the Fire Station to bring this facility into compliance with applicable regulations; such upgrade shall include, but not be limited to, the replacement of the underground storage tanks and the resurfacing of the affected area.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase two (2) new cruisers for the Police Department and to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one (1) older cruiser in the best interest of the town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to borrow the sum of \$33,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase two (2) new cruisers for the Police Department and to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one (1) older cruiser in the best interest of the town.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a mobile data communications system for the Police Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to borrow the sum of \$45,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a mobile data communications system for the Police Department.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase water meters and related equipment, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to appropriate from water revenue the sum of \$15,000.00 to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase water meters and related equipment.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase tractor tires, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to appropriate from water revenue the sum of \$900.00 to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase tractor tires.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a pipe lifter, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to appropriate from water revenue the sum of \$1,000.00 to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a pipe lifter.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a fresh air fan, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to appropriate from water revenue the sum of \$1,010.00 to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a fresh air fan.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to replace the radio in the large van, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to appropriate from water revenue the sum of \$800.00 to be expended by the Water Commissioners to replace the radio in the large van.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to provide for a mapping system, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to appropriate from water revenue the sum of \$10,000.00 to be expended by the Water Commissioners to provide for a mapping system.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a vehicle, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to appropriate from water revenue the sum of \$5,000.00 to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a vehicle.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a road cutter, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to appropriate from water revenue the sum of \$2,100.00 to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a road cutter.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to purchase a Networked IBM Computer Laboratory for the Junior-Senior High School, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to borrow the sum of \$40,000.00 to be expended by the School Committee to purchase a Networked IBM Computer Laboratory for the Junior-Senior High School.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to purchase classroom furniture for five (5) classrooms at Rose L. MacDonald School, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to transfer from "Free Cash" the sum of \$7,000.00 to be expended by the School Committee to purchase classroom furniture for five (5) classrooms at Rose L. MacDonald School.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a snow blower for the Forestry Department to be shared by the Forestry and Fire Departments, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to transfer from "Free Cash" the sum of \$2,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a snow blower for the Forestry Department to be shared by the forestry and Fire Departments.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and insure an F-800 or similar dump truck for the Forestry Department and to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one (1) used dump truck in the best interest of the town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to borrow the sum of \$38,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and insure an F-800 or similar dump truck for the Forestry Department and to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one (1) used dump truck in the best interest of the town.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and insure an F-350 or similar dump truck for the Forestry Department and to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one (1) used dump truck in the best interest of the town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to borrow the sum of \$29,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and insure an F-350 or similar dump truck for the Forestry Department and to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one (1) used dump truck in the best interest of the town.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase computer equipment and software for the Board of Selectmen's Office, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to transfer from "Free Cash" the sum of \$3,500.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase computer equipment and software for the Board of Selectmen's Office.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase two (2) voting machines for use at elections, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to borrow the sum of \$15,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase two (2) voting machines for use at elections.

Upon counted vote, motion passed. Yes - 68 No - 4

ARTICLE 36. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to fund improvements to the existing Town Hall structure to bring the building into compliance with the A.D.A. (Americans with Disabilities Act) and to do any other renovations and/or remodeling recommended in accordance with those changes, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to borrow the sum of \$50,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to fund improvements to the existing Town Hall structure to bring the building into compliance with the A.D.A. (Americans with Disabilities Act) and to do any other renovations and/or remodeling recommended in accordance with those changes.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the town will vote to borrow a sum of money, in anticipation of reimbursement, to meet the State's share of the cost of work for State-aid construction and maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the town will vote to amend the By-laws of the Town of West Bridgewater, Article XXV - Building, Electric Wiring By-law, by changing the first paragraph to read "Section 1A." and by adding the following:

"Section 1B. Assistant Wiring Inspectors - when necessary, the Board of Selectmen may appoint such Assistant Wiring Inspectors as they and the Building Inspector deem necessary. No person shall be employed who is not qualified by experience or training to fulfill the duties required by the work involved. The compensation of Assistant Wiring Inspectors shall be regulated by the Board of Selectmen unless determined by a vote of the town",

or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to amend the By-laws of the Town of West Bridgewater, Article XXV - Building, Electric Wiring By-law, by changing the first paragraph to read "Section 1A." and by adding the following:

"Section 1B. Assistant Wiring Inspectors - when necessary, the Board of Selectmen may appoint such Assistant Wiring Inspectors as they and the Building Inspector deem necessary. No person shall be employed who is not qualified by experience or training to fulfill the duties required by the work involved. The compensation of Assistant Wiring Inspectors shall be regulated by the Board of Selectmen unless determined by a vote of the town".

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the town will vote to accept, in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Sections 22 to 24, a way known as Cornerstone Lane, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, approved by the Planning Board, said layout having been filed with the town Clerk pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 23, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to accept, in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 81, Sections 22 to 24, a way known as cornerstone Lane as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan of land for Cornerstone Lane drawn by C.W. Garvey Co., Inc., Surveyors and Engineers, dated August 3, 1993, said layout having been filed with the Town Clerk pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 23.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the town will vote to accept, in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 22 to 24, a way known as Timothy Drive and Bayberry Road, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and previously known and shown as High Oaks on the Subdivision Plan #75040 drawn by C.A. Pickering Associates, Inc., Surveyors, dated July, 1966 and prepared for Frederick Propas, approved by the Planning Board and recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of deeds, said layout having been filed with the Town Clerk pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 23, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to accept, in accordance with the Massachusetts

General Laws, Chapter 82, Sections 22 to 24, the ways known as Timothy Drive and Bayberry Road as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on plans of land for Timothy Drive and Bayberry Road drawn by Bohannon Land Survey Company, Dated October 20, 1993, said layout having been filed with the Town Clerk pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 23.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

**ARTICLE 10 VOTED ON AT THIS TIME.
UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 41. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:32 P.M.
UPON VOTE, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A True Copy Attest:
Marion L. Leonard, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 13, 1994

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the Town Qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on May 30, 1994.

The meeting was called to order in the gymnasium of the West Bridgewater Junior-Senior High School at 8:00 PM.

With 209 qualified voters and fourteen (14) guests present, the meeting proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 1994.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$93,086.00 to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 1994.

From:	Building Insurance	\$ 4,000.00
	Solid Waste Disposal	15,000.00
	Worker's Compensation	19,700.00
	Health Insurance	39,786.00
	Professional Liability	9,600.00
	1989 ATM - Article 32	5,000.00
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\$ 93,086.00

To:	Town Counsel	\$ 10,000.00
	Fire Department	30,000.00
	Highway Construction	15,000.00
	Snow & Ice Control	15,000.00
	Board of Health	5,000.00
	Contributory Retirement	<u>18,086.00</u>
		\$ 93,086.00

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay old bills for FY93 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the first year of a Collective Bargaining Agreement for members of the Clerical Unit, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the first year of a Collective Bargaining Agreement for members of the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:09 PM.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 1994

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the Town of West Bridgewater qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on August 30, 1994.

The meeting was called to order in the gymnasium of the West Bridgewater Junior-Senior High School at 7:30 PM by Moderator Warren E. Turner.

With 133 Qualified voters and ten (10) guests present the meeting proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-laws of the Town of West Bridgewater, Section 3 - Districts, by adding thereto a fourth district classification to be entitled RESIDENTIAL "B" DISTRICT, and by amending the Zoning Map of the Town of West Bridgewater by adding thereto RESIDENTIAL "B" DISTRICT. A RESIDENTIAL "B" DISTRICT shall be defined as follows:

RESIDENTIAL "B" DISTRICT:

Manufactured Housing Community with the customary accessory buildings for the use and operation thereof.

Said Manufactured Housing Community shall comply with the so-called "New Mobile Home Park Regulations" (Mobile Home Park now known as Manufactured Housing Community) as set forth in the By-laws and Regulations of the Town of West Bridgewater, as amended

MOVE: That the town vote to amend the zoning by-laws of the Town of West Bridgewater, Section 3- Districts, by adding thereto a fourth district classification to be entitled RESIDENTIAL "B" DISTRICT, and by amending the zoning map of the Town of West Bridgewater by adding thereto RESIDENTIAL "B" DISTRICT.

A RESIDENTIAL "B" DISTRICT shall be defined as follows:

RESIDENTIAL "B" DISTRICT:

Manufactured Housing Community with the customary accessory buildings for the use and operation thereof.

Said Manufacturing Housing Community shall comply with the so-called "New Mobile Home Park Regulations" (Mobile Home Park now known as Manufactured Housing Community) as set forth in the by-laws, zoning by-laws and regulations of the Town of West Bridgewater, as amended.

Upon secret ballot, motion was defeated: **Yes - 50** **No - 80**

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will vote to rezone a tract of land on the easterly side of North Main Street to RESIDENTIAL B, bounded and described as follows:

Starting at a point five hundred feet (500') east of the center line of North Main Street, running easterly along the West Bridgewater and Brockton line to the Salisbury Plain River, southwesterly by the river to the easterly sideline of the electric transmission easement; thence, southerly by said line to the northerly line of the land of West Bridgewater; thence, westerly by said land and continuing in a straight line to a point five hundred feet (500') easterly of the center line of North Main Street; thence, northerly along the business zone to the southerly boundary of Plot 77, Assessors' map; thence, westerly and northerly along the westerly boundary lines of said Plot 77, to the point of beginning, including access roads as depicted on the map attached hereto.

MOVE: Pass without action.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to run an electric line and telephone cable between Stations #4 and #1 on Cyr Street to be used for emergency power and communications during power failures.

MOVE: That the town vote to appropriate from water revenue the sum of \$10,000.00 to be expended by the Water Commissioners to run an electric line and telephone cable between Stations #4 and #1 on Cyr Street to be used for emergency power and communications during power failure.

Upon vote, passed by majority.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to install an air conditioning system in the Water Department building (\$2,600.00).

MOVE: That the town vote to appropriate from Water revenue the sum of \$2,600.00 to be expended by the Water Commissioners to install an air conditioning system in the Water Department building.

Upon vote, passed by a majority.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to borrow a sum of money, in anticipation of reimbursement, to meet the State's share of the cost of work for State-aid construction and maintenance.

MOVE: That the town vote to borrow the sum of \$235,789.00 in anticipation of receiving 100% reimbursement from the State's 1994 transportation bond issue, for the cost of work for the reconstruction and maintenance of town roads.

Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the expenditure by the Board of Selectmen of funds remaining from the \$10,000.00, appropriated under Article 4. of the Special Town Meeting of May 16, 1994 for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study of the existing Town Hall structure, to accomplish the additional purposes of (1) obtaining a feasibility study of an alternate site and facility for possible use as a Town Hall, (2) obtaining an appraisal of the market value of said alternate site and facility, and (3) obtaining an appraisal of the current value of the existing Town Hall property.

MOVE: That the town vote to authorize the expenditure by the Board of Selectmen of funds remaining from the \$10,000.00 appropriated under Article 4. of the Special Town Meeting of May 16, 1994 for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study of the existing Town Hall structure, to accomplish the additional purposes of (1) obtaining a feasibility study of an alternate site and facility for possible use as a Town Hall, (2) obtaining an appraisal of the market value of said alternate site and facility, and (3) obtaining an appraisal of the current value of the existing Town Hall property.

Upon vote, motion passed by a majority.

ARTICLE 7. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:00 PM, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard, Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

SEPTEMBER 20, 1994

The State Primary Election was held on Tuesday, September 20, 1994 at Howard/Spring Street School. The Warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen, was posted by the Constable Raymond L. Silva in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Specimen Ballots, cards of instructions and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls opened at 7:00 a.m. The ballot boxes in both precincts were inspected and the registers set at 0000. A total of 2600 Democratic ballots and 2500 Republican ballots were given to the Wardens Bruce Holmquist and John Sillars and a receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same. At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m., the ballot box registers showed the following number of ballots cast:

616 - Republican
533 - Democratic

The following workers were sworn in:

Precinct 1. Bruce Holmquist, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Barbara Tufts, Helen Nelson, Joan McAndrews, Helen Johnson, Checkers; Alice Richardson, Janet Merritt, Steve Hasomeris, Theresa Boardman, Counters; JoAnn Sillars, Anna Brown, Tally.

Precinct 2. John Sillars, Warden; Joseph Kameese, Clerk; Barbara Cohen, Meredith Lightfoot, Karolyn Boyd, Lois Flaherty, Checkers; Cindy Kameese, Pamela Humphreys, Sharon Leonard, Anne Garvey, Janet Beaulieu, Nancy Morrison, Counters; Claire Davock, Lois Ketter, Tally.

Brian Klebash and Brian Kilpatrick assisted with setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The following results were announced:

REPUBLICAN			
SENATOR IN CONGRESS	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Total
John R. Lakian	42	39	81
W. Mitt Romney	297	229	526
Blanks	5	4	9
GOVERNOR			
William F. Weld	308	240	548
Blanks	36	32	68

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Total
Argeo Paul Cellucci	297	227	524
Blanks	47	45	92
ATTORNEY GENERAL			
Janis M. Berry	174	193	367
Guy A. Carbone	89	48	137
Blanks	62	50	112
SECRETARY OF STATE			
Arthur E. Chase	76	53	129
Peter V. Forman	237	184	421
Blanks	31	35	66
TREASURER			
Joseph Daniel Malone	289	222	511
Blanks	55	50	105
AUDITOR			
Forrester A. "Tim" Clark, Jr.	194	130	324
Earle B. Stroll	74	62	136
Blanks	76	80	156
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
Scattered	4	4	8
Blanks	340	268	608
COUNCILLOR			
Jerry Vengrow	222	158	380
Blanks	122	114	236
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT			
Christopher M. Lane	241	166	407
Blanks	103	106	209
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT			
John F. Cruz	281	209	490
Blank	63	63	126
DISTRICT ATTORNEY			
Blanks	344	272	616
CLERK OF COURTS			
Scattered	3	2	5
Blanks	341	270	611

REGISTER OF DEEDS	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Total
H. Judson Terzian	237	167	404
Blanks	107	105	212
COUNTY COMMISSIONER			
Robert J. Stone	242	182	424
Blanks	102	90	192
DEMOCRATIC			
SENATOR IN CONGRESS			
Edward M. Kennedy	130	129	259
Blanks	74	49	123
GOVERNOR			
George A. Bacharach	38	39	77
Michael J. Barrett	35	38	73
Mark Roosevelt	98	68	166
Blanks	33	33	66
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR			
Marc D. Draisen	84	69	153
Robert K. Massie	62	56	118
Blanks	58	53	111
ATTORNEY GENERAL			
L. Scott Harshbarger	159	131	290
Blanks	45	47	92
SECRETARY OF STATE			
William Francis Galvin	114	101	215
Augusto F. Grace	52	37	89
Blanks	38	40	78
TREASURER			
Shannon P. O'Brien	148	123	271
Blanks	56	55	111
AUDITOR			
A. Joseph DeNucci	151	129	280
Blanks	53	49	102
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
Barney Frank	145	117	262
Denise B. Hamm	47	53	100
Blanks	12	8	20

COUNCILLOR	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Total
William R. Buckley	54	51	105
William F. Butters	11	10	21
Thomas F. Cavanaugh	21	18	39
Howard M. Kahalas	20	12	32
J. Joseph Lydon	11	7	18
Daniel P. Matthews	6	10	16
Kelly A. Timilty	38	35	73
Blanks	43	35	78
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT			
William R. Keating	159	135	294
Blanks	45	43	88
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT			
Christine E. Canavan	161	133	294
Blanks	43	45	88
DISTRICT ATTORNEY			
William C. O'Malley	165	137	302
Blanks	39	41	80
CLERK OF COURTS			
Francis R. Powers	147	133	280
Blanks	57	45	102
REGISTER OF DEEDS			
John D. Riordan	154	134	288
Blankss	50	44	94
COUNTY COMMISSIONER			
Kevin R. Donovan	113	104	217
F. Steven Triffletti	55	52	107
Blanks	36	22	58

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Marion L. Leonard, Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 1994

The State Election was held on Tuesday, November 20, 1994, at the Howard/Spring Street School. The Warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen, was posted by the Constable, Raymond L. Silva, in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Specimen Ballots, cards of instructions and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Copies of the abstracts explaining the 10 questions on the ballot were also posted in the public areas and in each voting booth.

The polls opened at 7:00 a.m. The ballot boxes in both precincts were inspected and a zero total run from each machine. A total of 2500 ballots per precinct were given to Wardens Bruce Holmquist and John Sillars and receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same. At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m., the ballot box showed a total of 3069 ballots cast.

The following workers were sworn in:

Precinct 1. Bruce Holmquist, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Barbara Tufts, Helen Nelson, Joan McAndrews, Helen Johnson, Checkers; Lois Ketler, Tally.

Precinct 2. John Sillars, Warden; Joseph Kameese, Clerk; Barbara Cohen, Meredith Lightfoot, Carolyn Boyd, Lois Flaherty, Checkers; JoAnn Sillars, Steve Hasomeris, Tally.

Brian Klebash and Eric Gill helped in setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The following results were announced:

UNITED STATES SENATOR	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Total
Edward M. Kennedy	615	612	1227
W. Mitt Romney	949	814	1763
Lauraleigh Dozier	13	8	21
William A. Ferguson, Jr.	2	2	4
Write-ins	2	3	5
Blanks	31	18	49
GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR			
Weld/Celucci	1273	1161	2434
Roosevelt/Massie	286	264	550
Cook/Crawford	10	6	16
Rebello/Giske	2	1	3
Write-ins	2	0	2
Blanks	39	25	64

ATTORNEY GENERAL	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Total
L. Scott Harshbarger	836	836	1672
Janice M. Berry	687	552	1239
Blanks	89	69	158
SECRETARY OF STATE			
Arthur E. Chase	819	687	1506
William Francis Galvin	546	560	1106
Peter C. Everett	86	67	153
Write-ins	2	4	6
Blanks	159	139	298
TREASURER			
Joseph Daniel Malone	1132	1037	2169
Shannon Patricia O'Brien	314	297	611
Susan B. Poulin	34	24	58
Thomas P. Tierney	43	23	66
Write-ins	0	4	4
Blanks	89	72	161
AUDITOR			
A. Joseph DeNucci	843	810	1653
Forrester A. "Tim" Clark	582	479	1061
Geoff M. Weil	33	24	57
Write-ins	1	5	6
Blanks	153	139	292
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
Barney Frank	968	879	1847
Write-ins	51	42	93
Blanks	593	536	1129
COUNCILLOR			
Kelly A. Timilty	633	632	1265
Jerry Vengrow	646	519	1165
Steven B. Drobins	61	48	109
Write-ins	1	9	10
Blanks	271	249	520
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT			
William R. Keating	679	689	1368
Christopher M. Lane	801	639	1440
Write-ins	1	9	10
Blanks	129	125	254
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT			
Christine E. Canavan	543	517	1060
John F. Cruz	1002	885	1887

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Total
Write-ins	2	6	8
Blanks	65	49	114

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

William C. O'Malley	1082	1001	2083
Write-ins	19	17	36
Blanks	511	439	950

CLERK OF COURTS

Francis R. Powers	988	915	1903
Write-ins	17	15	32
Blanks	607	527	1134

REGISTER OF DEEDS

John D. Riordan	756	738	1494
H. Judson Terzian	685	546	1231
Write-ins	11	10	21
Blanks	160	163	323

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Robert J. Stone	854	735	1589
Kevin R. Donovan	517	496	1013
Write-ins	5	5	10
Blanks	236	221	457

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ralph Armstead	736	655	1391
George Churchill, Jr.	576	515	1091
Eugene Kostecki	1071	997	2068
Joseph W. Meaney	654	608	1262
David Nankin	319	313	632
Glenn E. Paparo	335	304	639
Charles C. Willis	531	527	1058
Write-ins	7	14	21
Blanks	3758	3345	7103

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMM. (2 YR.)

Write-ins	164	128	292
Blanks	1448	1329	2777

COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSIONER

Write-ins	174	97	271
Blanks	1438	1360	2798

QUESTION ONE	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Total
Yes	470	433	903
No	988	935	1923
Blanks	154	89	243
QUESTION TWO			
Yes	699	643	1342
No	829	765	1594
Blanks	84	49	133
QUESTION THREE			
Yes	788	686	1474
No	698	673	1371
Blanks	126	98	224
QUESTION FOUR			
Yes	970	848	1818
No	550	524	1074
Blanks	92	85	177
QUESTION FIVE			
Yes	690	628	1318
No	845	780	1625
Blanks	77	49	126
QUESTION SIX			
Yes	314	282	596
No	1210	1114	2324
Blanks	88	61	149
QUESTION SEVEN			
Yes	289	248	537
No	1242	1152	2394
Blanks	81	57	138
QUESTION EIGHT			
Yes	1237	1083	2320
No	286	297	583
Blanks	89	77	166
QUESTION NINE			
Yes	823	805	1628
No	676	554	1230
Blanks	113	98	211
QUESTION TEN			
Yes	521	429	950
No	676	554	1230
Blanks	336	277	613

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Marion L. Leonard, Town Clerk

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1994

JANUARY

- 22 Caiden Evan Thom.....Daniel Henry Thom & Nancy Lee Canizzaro
25 Cohl Gregory Mason.....Steven Phillip Mason & Kimberly Irene Morris

FEBRUARY

- 8 Max Lawrence Trojano.....Todd David Trojano & Michelle Mary Ross
17 Erik Christopher Noonan.....Timothy John Noonan & Debra Lynn Chase

MARCH

- 12 Brittany Jean Taylor....Norman Lawrence Taylor, Jr. & Deborah Beth Epstein
29 Geena Rae Vitale.....Kevin Paul Vitale & Laurie Anne Casparriello

APRIL

- 4 Aaron William Maguire.....Willim Francis Maguire & Laurie Anne Groom
12 Dylan Patton Merlo.....James Michael Merlo & Cheryl Elizabeth Patton

MAY

- 4 William Alexander DeMolles..Edward Charles DeMolles, Sr. & MaryIn Holmes
4 Jacquelyn Ann Hoyt.....James Warren Hoyt & Charlene Ann Gustin
8 Mackenzie Connor Greelish....Jeffrey Francis Greelish & Sherri Lynn Noyes
17 John Paul Berglund, Jr.....John Paul Berglund & Kimberley Ann Neely
17 Casandra Harriet Matta...Dean Eric Matta & Diane Margaret Georgakopoulos
17 Chandler Margaret White.....Richard Arnold White & Donna Marie Barlow
19 Nicholas James Stillman.....Irwin Steven Stillman & Linda Jean Haras
22 Lauren Danielle Gray....David Newcomb Gray, Jr. & Kimberly Jean Anderson

JUNE

- 21 Derick Robert Brown.....Robert Lamont Brown, Jr. & Dorothy Ann Heney
21 Kyle Andrew Hayes.....Paul Andrew Hayes & Kathleen Mae Ferris
22 Leanne EveyIn Holland....John Charles Holland & Deborah Louise Cogswell
30 Christopher Daniel Conrad.....Daniel M. Conrad & Elizabeth Sharon Gallagher
30 Andrew Albert Crawford.....Andrew Henry Crawford & Ellen McVeigh

JULY

- 3 Hayley Marie Martenson.....James A. Martenson, Jr. & Sheryl Elizabeth Meador
15 Kristin Elizabeth Leonard.....Paul V. Leonard & Rachel Margarite Damiani
22 Erik James Miles.....Gerald Howard Miles & Ruth Ellen Anderson

AUGUST

- 1 Megan Alisha Rose.....Daniel Thomas Rose & Lisa Agnes Pistone
9 Alex Woodward.....Mark Woodward & Stephanie Ann Coy
11 Olivia Rose Eliasson-Parrott.....Steven Richard Eliasson-Parrott & Nina
Elizabeth Eliasson
14 Matthew McKinley Bergeron, Jr.....Matthew M. Bergeron & Kathleen Anne
Altieri

- 15 Alexandria Valerie Palmieri.....Victor Palmieri & Christine Anne Altieri
- 17 Nikolaos Michael Hatzinikolau.....Michael Hatzinikolau & Rosemary Marelli
- 18 Bonnie Sue White.....Douglas Eugene White & Julie Marie Chisholm

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Daniel James Bertarelli.....James William Bertarelli & Christine Ann Kerr
- 23 Mason Ralph-Robert Foscaldi.....Robert M. Foscaldi & Mary-Francis Monsini
- 28 Dominic Louis Antonangeli, Jr...Dominic L. Antonangeli & Leslie Ann Taylor

OCTOBER

- 3 Edward R. Hill.....Christopher Michael Hill & Kery Lee Daley
- 24 Thomas Ryan Menton.....John Richard Menton & Valerie Rose Messina
- 28 Luke Maxwell Rivers.....Stephen Louis Rivers & Heidi Erica Broman
- 29 Gina Marie Diehl.....Robert Adam Diehl & Jean Ann Hold

NOVEMBER

- 9 Joseph John Mariani.....Paul Joseph Mariani & Robin Frances Raleigh
- 23 Jacquelyn Anne Foley.....John Raymond Foley & Christine Ann Dorley
- 28 Thomas Joseph Rodier... ..Henry Joseph Rodier & Linda Jean Paiva
- 29 Timothy Leo McElroy.....Michael Robert McElroy & Anne Marie Webb

DECEMBER

- 29 Jacqueline Faye Pomerleau.....Albert L. Pomerleau, Jr. & Mary Elizabeth Lucini

LATE REPORTED BIRTHS FOR 1993

SEPTEMBER

- 23 Zachary Ryan Grant.....Peter Edson Grant & Kathleen Meaney

NOVEMBER

- 17 Kayla Ashley Junkins.....Cary Alan Junkins & Cynthia Ann Dugan

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1994

JANUARY

- 8 Leonard Alfred Estabrooks of West Bridgewater and Gina Marie Slater of West Bridgewater
8 Gary Michael Mendes of Swansea and Robin Lynn Macrina of Swansea

FEBRUARY

- 26 Edward Martin Marks of Mountain View, CA and Margaret Polk George of Mountain View, CA

MARCH

- 26 John F. Cruz of West Bridgewater and Jodi-Lynne M. Walker of West Bridgewater

APRIL

- 2 Jason Marc Adams, Sr. of West Bridgewater and Christine J. Josselyn of West Bridgewater
15 Jero Allen Townsend of West Bridgewater and Linda Spaulding Duhamel of West Bridgewater
30 Edward Bruce Adams of West Bridgewater and Jodi Lee Swanson of East Bridgewater
30 Wayne Paul Bilodeau of North Dighton and Kristie Lee Tessier of West Bridgewater

MAY

- 21 Brian Keating Mills of West Bridgewater and Elena-Marie Harris of Avon
21 John Edward Swarbrick of Smoky Lake, Alberta, Canada and Connie Joe Rhodes of Smoky Lake, Alberta, Canada
21 Frederick J. White of West Bridgewater and Karen Jane Dyer of West Bridgewater
28 Daniel J. Boucher of West Bridgewater and Susan May Stevens of West Bridgewater

JUNE

- 4 Robert Douglas Marshall of Brockton and Laura Lee Sawtelle of Brockton
11 Steven Vanderstreet of West Bridgewater and Cindi-Lu Cherie O'Connor of West Bridgewater
18 Derek L. Mason of East Bridgewater and Karen M. Churchill of West Bridgewater
18 Johnny Melendez of Brockton and Marie E. Palermo of Brockton
18 James Phillip Micciantuono of West Bridgewater and Shannon M. Ward of West Bridgewater
24 Paul Stanley Jones, IV of East Bridgewater and Kellie Alicia Perry of West Bridgewater
25 John Francis McNamara of West Bridgewater and Dianne McLean Kendall of West Bridgewater

- 26 James Pastore of Worcester and Rita Therese Kelly of Brockton
- 26 Timothy Dane Scott of Englewood, FL and Karen Ann Rogers of Englewood, FL

JULY

- 9 David P. Sorrenti of East Bridgewater and Sandra Beth MacLellan of West Bridgewater
- 10 Sean Aaron Hartter of West Bridgewater and Allison Ruth Clark of West Bridgewater
- 16 William Patrick Oakhem of West Bridgewater and Valerie Jean Belcher of West Bridgewater
- 16 Michael Ray Pfistner of Brockton and Deborah Ann Paone of Brockton
- 23 Glen Kevin Hardy of West Bridgewater and Martinique Ann Dobbins of West Bridgewater
- 23 Kenneth Joseph Menkello of Bridgewater and Rocio J. Marin of East Bridgewater
- 31 Steven Arena of Plymouth and Nicole Paige Irving of Plymouth

AUGUST

- 1 Michael Todd Fink of Brockton and Julie Lynn Bullock of Brockton
- 20 Brian K. Alden of West Bridgewater and Irene J. Jastrzembksi of West Bridgewater
- 20 Michael Gaydos III of Escondido, CA and Lora Lee Beaulieu of West Bridgewater
- 27 Dominique Paul LaChance of Brockton and Patricia Ann Burgess of Brockton
- 28 Dean William Hardy of West Bridgewater and Heidi Michael Briggs of Stoughton

SEPTEMBER

- 11 Warren Eugene Meyer of Ft. Collins, CO and Kimberly Cross of Ft. Collins, CO
- 16 Matthew Thomas Hatch of East Bridgewater and Lisa Jean Davis of East Bridgewater
- 18 John W. Ames of West Bridgewater and Kerry Alana Holmgren of West Bridgewater
- 22 John F. Hall of West Harwich and Nancy R. Vermette of Dennisport

OCTOBER

- 1 John Charles Miller of West Bridgewater and Elizabeth Ann Foye of West Bridgewater
- 1 Richard Kyle Schneider of Ellicott City, MD and Kathryn Louise Macrina of West Bridgewater
- 1 Ronald Aaron Swanson of Bridgewater and Sandra Ellen Hammond of Bridgewater
- 8 Stephen Edward Percell of West Bridgewater and Darlene Ann Brueggeman of Brockton
- 8 Michael Scott Wallace of Bridgewater and Lisa Anne Maloney of Bridgewater

- 15 Gary Thomas Child of West Bridgewater and Sheila Marie McCormack of Brockton
- 15 Douglas J. Musto of West Bridgewater and Eileen Marie Sullivan of West Bridgewater
- 15 Marc Eric Rodrigue of East Taunton and Michele Marie Spencer of West Bridgewater
- 16 James A. Ross of West Bridgewater and Louise Anne McDonough of West Bridgewater
- 22 John E. Holyoke of West Bridgewater and Roxanna Alicia Duquette of West Bridgewater
- 22 Tod Patrick Oliviere of Bridgewater and Lisa Kristine Johnson of Bridgewater
- 30 Peter L. Delaney of South Easton and Lauren A. Finch of West Bridgewater

NOVEMBER

- 12 Robert J. Bastis of Taunton and Pamela A. Boyd of Taunton
- 12 Gregory A. Lovell of Brockton and Kathleen Ann McConarty of Braintree
- 19 Walter J. Healy of Plainville and Margaret M. Curran of Bridgewater
- 19 Richard W. Nason of West Bridgewater and Gail L. Ryan of West Bridgewater

DECEMBER

- 10 James Brian Souza of West Bridgewater and Terri Anne Orr of West Bridgewater
- 16 Alfred J. Bernard of Winooski, VT and Frances M. Brouillard of West Bridgewater

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1994

JANUARY

1 Marlene Karsh
 2 Linda A. Bunker
 9 David Breen
 12 Marjorie A. Eagan
 22 Milton J. Vaslet

FEBRUARY

2 Frances Isabel Copeland
 6 John F. Andre
 11 Edward A. Bowden
 14 Terrance M. Welch
 18 Mary E. Slater
 18 Albert Fiorini
 19 Leo Charles McElroy
 19 Philip E. Watts
 28 Dorothy Zevitas

MARCH

5 Patricia A. Arnold
 10 Linda Mildred Nickerson
 17 Priscilla Augenti
 27 Adeline Isenberg

APRIL

6 B. Mary D'Arpino
 7 Minnie Buckley
 12 Kenneth Hollis
 13 Robert Lee Bolger, Sr.
 13 Marjorie MacDonald
 17 Joseph F. Eichorn
 20 Jean Frances Freitas
 24 Marion Martelli
 27 Ruth Fraizer
 30 Craig Bousquet

MAY

2 Percy Douglas Eaton
 11 Joseph Paul Connolly
 23 Mary Elizabeth Leonard
 28 Sarah M. Porter
 30 Jennifer M. Zeramby
 31 Mary Louise Daly

JUNE

9 Florence McCarthy
 10 Ruth E. Couite

JUNE

19 John Eldridge
 20 Robert Werner, Jr.
 24 Henry Edward Andrews, Jr.
 25 Carl Robert Bystrom

JULY

2 Wahlborg Elizabeth Nelson
 2 Christine M. Beech
 11 Dorothy V. Green
 20 John Kent
 28 Leo E. Moroni

AUGUST

23 Bernard Francis Leary
 24 Kenneth Almquist
 24 Lawrence Patrick Cyr
 29 Stephen S. Mills

SEPTEMBER

2 Julius J. Valla
 3 Frederick A. DeCosta
 5 Donald W. Young
 10 Ethel Frances Savino
 12 Ernest Peterson
 18 Alison Eldridge
 20 Hazel F. Alley
 26 Mary Frances Crone
 28 Florence Hall

OCTOBER

2 Gladys Spadea
 7 Harold Berggren
 7 Robert Langer
 14 Charles Millet

NOVEMBER

17 Ronald Earle Shearing
 25 Frank Chesley Rolfe
 26 Alice Cobbett
 28 Daniel U. Giannotti

DECEMBER

2 Nathan Hartblay
 12 Harold Winston Lundquist
 15 John Silveria
 29 Doris Rowell

LATE REPORTED DEATHS FOR 1993

DECEMBER

26 Timothy Cornelius Sullivan

TOWN CLERK RECEIPTS
1993

Licenses, Permits and Fees (includes building permits)	\$ 150,633.81
Fish and Game (payable to the Commonwealth of MA)	8,278.75
Dog Licenses	<u>6,155.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 165,067.56

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TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group - June 30, 1994

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types	Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group		Totals Memorandum Only
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects			General	Long Term Debt	
Cash and cash investments	\$ 879,214	-	\$ 114,515	\$ 169,659	\$ 120,567	\$ -	-	\$ 1,283,955
Receivables:								
Property taxes & excises (net of allowance for abatements)	1,425,210	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,425,210
Charges for Services	-	-	-	183,655	-	-	-	183,655
Departmental	142,460	-	-	-	-	-	-	142,460
Due from other governments	-	366,516	-	-	-	-	-	366,516
Fixed assets	-	-	-	784,000	-	-	-	784,000
Amount to be provided for the retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,093,000	2,093,000
Total Assets	\$ 2,446,884	\$ 366,516	\$ 114,515	\$ 1,137,314	\$ 120,567	\$ 2,093,000	\$ 2,093,000	\$ 6,278,796
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Cash overdraft	-	\$ 251,977	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 251,977
Warrants payable	843,124	12,217	-	-	-	-	-	855,341
Other liabilities	81,657	-	-	-	38,597	-	-	120,254
Deferred revenues	1,435,022	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,435,022
Anticipation notes payable	-	-	488,000	-	-	-	-	488,000
General obligation bonds payable	-	-	-	784,000	-	-	-	784,000
Total Liabilities	2,359,803	264,194	488,000	784,000	38,597	2,093,000	2,093,000	2,877,000
Fund Balance:								
Reserved for encumbrances	27,179	-	-	89,315	-	-	-	116,494
Reserved for expenditures	110,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	110,000
Reserved for endowment	-	-	-	-	68,627	-	-	68,627
Unreserved:								
Teacher deferral	(471,712)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(471,712)
Deficits	(34,402)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(34,402)
Undesignated	456,016	102,322	(373,485)	-	13,343	-	-	198,196
Retained earnings	-	-	-	263,999	-	-	-	263,999
Total fund equity	87,081	102,322	(373,485)	353,314	81,970	-	-	251,202
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 2,446,884	\$ 366,516	\$ 114,515	\$ 1,137,314	\$ 120,567	\$ 2,093,000	\$ 2,093,000	\$ 6,278,796

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds, For the Year Ended June 30, 1994

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust Funds	Memorandum Only	
Revenue:						
Taxes and Excises	\$ 7,216,538	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,216,538
Departmental	46,578	-	-	-	-	46,578
Fees	156,820	-	-	-	-	156,820
Licenses and Permits	122,969	-	-	-	-	122,969
Intergovernmental	1,801,678	815,357	-	-	-	2,617,035
Charges for Services	55,176	445,507	-	-	-	500,683
Interest Earnings	22,736	-	-	-	-	22,736
Fines and Forfeitures	123,647	-	-	-	-	123,647
Other	25,880	9,355	-	-	35,235	35,235
Total Revenue	9,572,022	1,270,219	-	-	-	10,842,241
Expenditures:						
General Government	531,791	-	-	-	-	531,791
Public Safety	1,605,156	178,875	-	-	-	1,784,031
Education	4,992,450	577,520	290,858	-	-	5,860,828
Publicworks	456,638	507,200	-	-	-	963,838
Human Services	113,000	-	-	-	-	113,000
Culture and Recreation	149,606	63,832	-	-	-	213,438
Debt Service	403,982	-	-	-	-	403,982
Intergovernmental	138,144	-	-	-	-	138,144
Insurance and Benefits	1,023,780	23,714	-	-	-	1,047,494
Other	90,710	67,763	89,087	7,066	-	254,626
Total Expenditures	9,505,257	1,418,904	379,945	7,066	-	11,311,172
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	66,765	(148,685)	(379,945)	(7,066)	-	(468,931)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers in	16,368	24,180	-	2,924	-	43,472
Operating Transfers (out)	(24,180)	(1,500)	-	(14,866)	-	(40,546)
Total Other Financing Sources (uses)	(7,812)	22,680	-	(11,944)	-	2,924
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	58,953	(126,005)	(379,945)	(19,010)	-	(466,007)
Fund Balance, Beginning	28,128	228,327	6,460	32,353	-	295,268
Fund Balance, Ending	\$ 87,081	\$ 102,322	\$ (373,485)	\$ 13,343	\$ -	\$ (170,739)

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Statement of Revenues and Other Sources, and Expenditures and Other Uses - Budget and Actual - General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 1994

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable Unfavorable</u>
Revenues and Other Sources:			
Taxes and Excises	\$ 7,234,349	\$ 7,188,235	\$ (46,114)
Departmental	43,018	46,578	3,560
Fees	80,000	156,820	76,820
Licenses and Permits	80,625	122,969	42,344
Intergovernmental	1,819,569	1,801,678	(17,891)
Charges for Services	50,000	55,176	5,176
Interest Earnings	25,000	22,736	(2,264)
Fines and Forfeitures	120,000	123,647	3,647
Other Revenue	10,000	25,880	15,880
Teacher Deferral	471,712	471,712	-
Transfer in	16,368	16,368	-
Free Cash	71,214	71,214	-
Total Revenues and Other Sources	10,021,855	10,103,013	81,158
Expenditures and Other Uses:			
General Government	485,442	479,688	5,754
Public Safety	1,609,504	1,605,156	4,348
Education	4,970,830	4,970,597	233
Public Works	435,542	456,638	(21,096)
Health and Human Services	114,465	114,072	393
Culture and Recreation	149,508	149,301	207
Debt Service	403,982	403,982	-
Intergovernmental	133,694	138,144	(4,450)
Insurance and Benefits	1,038,436	1,004,337	34,099
Other Expenditures	95,080	95,080	-
Teacher Deferral	471,712	471,712	-
Transfers out	-	24,180	(24,180)
Other Uses	113,660	113,660	-
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	10,021,855	10,026,547	(4,692)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ -	\$ 76,466	\$ 76,466

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Equity
 All Proprietary Fund Types and Non-Expendable Trust Funds
 For the Year Ended June 30, 1994

	<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Non-Expendable Trust Fund</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
Operating Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 586,358	\$ -	\$ 586,358
Total Revenues	<u>586,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>586,358</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Personal Services	176,226	-	176,226
Non-Personnel Services	198,541	-	198,541
Depreciation	116,400	-	116,400
Capital Outlay	32,026	-	32,026
Total Expenses	<u>523,193</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>523,193</u>
Operating Income (loss)	63,165	-	63,165
Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses:			
Interest Income	-	2,689	2,689
Other	-	235	235
Net Non-Operating Revenue or Expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>2,924</u>	<u>2,924</u>
Income Before Operating Transfers	63,165	2,924	66,089
Operating Transfers in (out)	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,924)</u>	<u>(2,924)</u>
Net Income (loss)	63,165	-	63,165
Fund Equity, Beginning	<u>290,149</u>	<u>68,627</u>	<u>358,776</u>
Fund Equity, Ending	<u>\$ 353,314</u>	<u>\$ 68,627</u>	<u>\$ 421,941</u>

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance For the Year Ended June 30, 1994

	Federal Catalogue Number	Fund Balance 7/1/93	Revenue Recognized Federal	Other	Expenditures Federal	Other	Fund Balance 6/30/94
U.S. Department of Agriculture Passed Through State Department of Nutrition School Lunch Program	10.555	\$ (36,159)	\$ 44,246	\$ 169,705	\$ 44,246	\$ 141,907	\$ (8,361)
U.S. Department of Education Passed Through State Department of Education Title VI B P.L. 94-142	84.027	1,396	74,810	-	67,204	-	9,002
Chapter II ECIA P.L. 97-35	84.151	775	3,146	-	3,894	-	27
Chapter I ECIA P.L. 97-35	84.010	12,567	44,528	-	53,685	-	3,410
Eisenhower Math/Science	84.161	880	2,636	-	2,383	-	1,133
Totals - Department of Education		<u>15,618</u>	<u>125,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,,166</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,572</u>
Department of Health and Human Services Drug Free Schools	13.155	-	5,198	-	5,198	-	-
Department of Treasury Federal Revenue Sharing	21.300	3,048	-	-	3,048	-	-
Total - All Programs		<u>\$ (17,493)</u>	<u>\$ 174,564</u>	<u>\$ 169,705</u>	<u>\$ 179,658</u>	<u>\$ 141,907</u>	<u>\$ 5,211</u>

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

The Following is a Summary of Long Term Debt at June 30, 1994 (in thousands of dollars)

	Original Amount	Interest Rate	Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Total Long-Term Debt
Long-Term Debt:					
Inside Debt:					
Howard School Roof Funds	\$ 125	6.8 %	7/07/88	7/07/96	\$ 35
Police Station Bonds	650	6.0 - 6.5	7/01/88	07/01/02	380
School Bonds - Boiler	143	6.6	8/15/89	8/15/97	64
Library Construction Bonds	1,600	6.6	8/15/89	8/15/08	1,260
Fire Truck	60	4.0	5/18/93	6/09/96	40
Cruiser	15	4.0	5/18/93	6/09/97	11
Ambulance	85	4.0	5/18/93	6/09/97	63
Outside Debt:					
Water Bonds	670	6.2	7/01/87	7/01/02	280
Water Bonds	52	6.6	8/15/89	8/15/98	28
Water Bonds	115	6.6	8/15/89	8/15/08	87
Water Bonds - New Wells	225	6.6	8/15/89	8/15/08	156
School Roof Funds	400	7.2	12/15/89	12/15/99	240
Robbery Farm	262	4.0	5/18/93	6/09/03	233
Total All Debt Outstanding					<u>\$ 2,877</u>

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable board of Selectmen and the residents of the town of West Bridgewater, we, the members of the Board of Assessors of West Bridgewater, submit our annual report.

The Tax Mapping Program being done by East Coast Mapping, Inc. is progressing. We now have the base maps for review. The new maps point out a network of surveyed control points throughout the town including ten permanently monumented locations. The water department marked all of the town's hydrants and gate valves which will show up on the maps. This information will help to compile accurate 1 inch to 100 foot scale maps that show information on frontages, dimensions, acreage and a new parcel numbering system, as well as accurate base map information. The Board of Assessors will receive a new computer and software for this geographic information system. When the program is completed, the office, for the first time, will have a 100% accurate mapping program that will prove beneficial to all concerned.

The Board of Assessors have been notified by the Department of Revenue that they must begin a plan to inspect the interior of all residential property. The assessors will begin a data quality study of 85 parcels chosen at random. The purpose of this study is to check out the quality of the data for tax assessing purposes.

Due to personal priorities Chairman, Gary Boyd, notified the board, in writing on October 31, 1994, that he was relocating to another community and he offered his resignation. The board members accepted the resignation with regret. Boyd had served on the board for the past 18 years and has made a meaningful contribution, not only as a board member, but also to the town of West Bridgewater.

Following the resignation of Chairman Boyd the remaining board members reorganized. Irving Puffer was chosen temporary chairman and DeSales Heath, Clerk. A search for a new member was started. Three applications were received and in a joint session with the Board of Selectmen Mr. Fred Adams was selected to fill the vacancy on the board.

The board members wish to thank the various town hall office holders and West Bridgewater residents for their help and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Irving Puffer, Chairman
DeSales J. Heath, Clerk
Fred Adams, Member
Jeanne Russo, Assistant Assessor

REPORT OF THE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Cable Television Committee was relatively inactive this year. The local programming studio relocated to the Howard Farm Marketplace has been operating well. The cable TV industry has been bound up by the indecision of the FCC on how to implement its new regulatory power over the industry. Changes to date have resulted in restructuring subscriber bills, and allowing each channel to either negotiate for the privilege of being carried, or declare itself as a "must carry" station, thus requiring its inclusion. Hopefully next year will resolve most issues so this committee can observe the implementation of these new regulations.

Number of cable television subscribers in West Bridgewater as of December 31, 1994: 1793

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Feresten, Chairman
Don Miller, Vice Chairman
Peter Turner, Clerk
Julio Miglierini
Ed Patenaude
Richard Domingos

BONDS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED

The following summarizes bonds that have been authorized but not yet issued as of
June 30, 1994:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6/14/93	21	Police Cruisers	\$ 32,500
6/14/93	28	Forestry Lawn Mower	12,400
6/14/93	34	School Fire Alarms	18,000
6/14/93	35	School Boilers	75,000
6/14/93	36	School/Architect Services	312,000
6/14/93	39	Highway Truck	35,000
6/14/93	40	Highway Sander	8,000
6/14/93	49	Assessors Maps	150,000
5/16/94	1	School Building Construction	<u>5,800,000</u>
TOTAL			\$ <u>6,442,000</u>

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

TRUST FUNDS	Balance as of 6/30/93	Interest Earned	Funds Expended	Balance as of 6/30/94
Cemeteries				
Pleasant Hill	\$ 4,180.21	\$ 118.51	\$ (424.58)	\$ 3,874.14
Pine Hill	5,471.16	157.18	-	5,628.34
Town Cemeteries	11,870.84	353.13	-	12,223.97
Library Trust Funds				
#1	15,684.89	457.81	(926.90)	15,215.80
#2	6,414.58	187.25	(270.64)	6,331.19
#3	16,934.37	494.00	(2,771.39)	14,656.98
Gladys Cole				
Library Fund	11,412.89	333.22	(719.14)	11,026.97
Curtis Memorial				
Library Fund	7,401.82	98.89	(1,704.07)	5,796.64
W.J. & A.C. Howard				
Scholarship Fund	6,034.43	170.05	(250.00)	5,954.48
Drury Bell fund				
General Fund	941.74	27.40	-	969.14
Scholarship	242.45	6.98	-	249.43
Stabilization	14,868.16	291.74	(14,868.16)	291.74

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Dugan, Treasurer-Collector

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Tax Collector's Report for Fiscal Year 1994

Outstanding
6/30/94

Outstanding
6/30/93

Collections

Tax Liens

Refunds

Abatement

Commitment

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

1988	10,414.56					(478.55)	9,936.01
1989	20,599.12					(1,770.35)	18,828.77
1990	13,971.37					(1,892.08)	12,079.29
1991	14,937.68			5.00		(2,524.73)	12,417.95
1992	17,851.48	3,670.00		628.31		(8,696.40)	12,060.27
1993	48,568.05	86,483.14		4,977.98		(117,549.37)	15,415.73
1994	0.00	440,788.51		2,400.56		(396,239.25)	34,350.34
TOTAL	126,342.26	530,941.65		8,011.85		(529,150.73)	115,088.36

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

1991	16,485.85					(111.53)	16,374.32
1992	15,872.46					(230.55)	15,641.91
1993	18,784.26					(1,022.08)	17,762.18
1994	0.00	356,852.15				(322,798.87)	34,053.28
TOTAL	51,142.57	356,852.15				(324,163.03)	83,831.69

REAL ESTATE TAXES

1988	19,579.05					(100.00)	8,497.31
1989	25,294.24					(1,929.55)	6,167.58
1990	61,675.65					(17,209.20)	2,453.35
1991	78,743.31			32,722.35		(24,881.07)	5,959.69
1992	331,103.11			39,856.27		(177,910.40)	26,683.98
1993	572,367.52			78,875.75		(392,543.16)	248,923.05
1994	0.00	6,344,497.21		20,241.63		(5,749,555.96)	556,398.26
TOTAL	1,088,762.88	6,344,497.21		171,696.00		(1,189,529.34)	855,083.22

Year	Outstanding 6/30/93	Commitment	Abatement	Refunds	Tax Liens	Collections/ Adjustments	Outstanding 6/30/94
WATER USE CHARGES							
1994	0.00	310,442.34				(249,046.25)	61,396.09
1993 & Prior	132,919.87	242,982.43	(27,454.60)	257.54		(233,422.70)	115,282.54
Penalties/1990	5,450.00		(215.00)			(3,283.46)	1,951.54
Penalties/1992	45,050.00					(45,050.00)	0.00
TOTAL	183,419.87	553,424.77	(27,669.60)	257.54		(530,802.41)	178,630.17

WATER LIENS RECEIVABLES

1986	244.00						244.00
1987	985.00						985.00
1988	443.51						443.51
1989	0.00						0.00
1990	6,381.47						6,381.47
TOTAL	8,053.98						8,053.98

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INTEREST AND CHARGES COLLECTED

Real Estate							110,910.54
Motor Vehicles							17,620.45
Water							3,709.76
TOTAL							132,240.75

Respectfully submitted,
John G. Duggan, Treasurer-Collector

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the residents of West Bridgewater, we, the members of the Planning Board, submit this annual report of our activities for the year 1994.

The Planning Board held twenty one (21) regular meetings throughout the year plus four (4) special meetings. There were nine (9) approval not required plans (Form A); a subdivision was rescinded; one was disapproved; and three (3) were approved.

There were Public Hearings held for the Watershed Resource Protection By Law; Procedures and Provisions for Special Permit Granting; and Mobile Home Park Re-Zoning.

The Planning Board made inspections of all on-going subdivisions. Progress is being made in finishing some of the older subdivisions.

The Planning Board wishes to express its appreciation for the cooperation it has received from all Town Departments in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh R. Hurley, Chairman
Howard A. Anderson, Vice Chairman
Gerald E. Stetson, Clerk
Grete M. Bohannon
James H. Henderson

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen and Residents of West Bridgewater, the following is the report of the dog officer for the Canine Control Department for 1994:

In July this department was allowed office space in the town hall. Hours are 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday. The telephone number remains the same; 584-8998.

The most pressing crisis facing our community as far as this department is concerned is the rabies epidemic. The numbers of positive rabid animals in Massachusetts increased by 1163% over the 1993 figures!! In October our community had its first confirmed positive rabid animal, a raccoon, on Harvestwood Drive. For every positive case found, over ten animals die of the disease undetected. I continue to receive numerous calls regarding the virus and potentially rabid animals. Do not hesitate to call me if you have any concerns about a particular animal or just general questions about rabies. Factual information is the best way to protect all of us from this deadly disease.

Citizens are urged to refrain from feeding wildlife as this increases the chance of exposure. You don't have to be bitten to contract rabies. Also, by encouraging wildlife to

congregate together it allows the virus to be readily passed from the sick animals to the healthy ones. Help protect our wildlife from this deadly consequence, please do not feed them! Children need to be sternly warned against approaching any wild or stray animal no matter how friendly they appear.

Although we no longer have a dog pound for strays, I managed to hold several strays and found homes for some of them. However, due to the swift spread of raccoon rabies and now the spread of fox rabies, I can no longer hold animals at my home. I will continue to assist volunteers from other communities on my own time. License and late notices, warnings, fines, referrals, and general office work is being completed on time.

I would like to thank the citizens of West Bridgewater for allowing me to serve them and their pets, the Classy Lassie grooming shop for grooming strays, Diane Saunders, Easton, Donna Ames and Mark Anderson, West Bridgewater, and staff from Brigham's and Womens Hospital in Boston and South Shore Humane society for medical care costs for stray animals.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Vivace, Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and residents of West Bridgewater, my 1994 Annual town report is as follows:

Resurfacing Type I-1

My paperwork is voluminous in making applications for Chapter 90 monies. Projects are submitted for requests, Selectmen approval, state and district approval and then, and only then, job commencement. Once the project is completed and the exact figures submitted for each project, reimbursement is obtained. I spend considerable time and energy which represents many, many hours on these preliminary procedures and studies. Chapter 90 funding with 100% reimbursement to the town provided the means to rebuild six streets that had badly deteriorated. They are as follows:

East Center Street	1.5 miles	\$	170,987.37
Matfield Street	4260' X 26'		112,503.00
Turnpike Street	4200' X 26'		120,053.00
Bedford Street	760' X 22'		17,004.83
East Street	4261' X 23'		71,268.00
Manley Street	750' X 26'		21,000.00
	TOTAL	\$	<u>512,813.16</u>

The work was prepared by the Highway Department by cutting all shoulders and repairing all drainage. The remainder of the summer was spent loaming and seeding as needed on all the roadsides that were worked on.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Because the budget does not contain the necessary funds to resurface town roads, the \$15,000 line item for asphalt has been used for crack cilling, repairs of water trenches and failed areas on various town roads by private contractors. This year my hope is that the line item will be increased to a level enabling us to resurface three of four roads per year. My proposed budget requested asphalt funds to rebuild and resurface six town roads (not chapter 90): Bonnie Avenue, Brewster Road, Cross Street, Goldie Road, Hartshorn Street and Joseph Avenue. For the past seven years, I have requested increased funding for these same roads.

DRAINAGE

This line item has \$1,500 in it and would not be sufficient to install any new services. This could handle only general repairs such as frame and grate replacements.

MAINTENANCE

My department has worked very hard this past spring loaming and seeding. Summer maintenance also included sweeping all the streets with our own street sweeper; picking up trash, dead animals and glass at minor auto accidents; and mowing roadsides three times a year. Our vehicles withstood one of the worst winters on record. This, I believe, is a "feather in our cap" and it has shown that our maintenance is top quality. I wish I could say the same of our aging street sweeper which is 25 years old and has failed, not because of any mechanical problems, but because the water tank has rusted away, leaving the sweeper useless. I have requested a (1990) Elgin street sweeper which will be an excellent acquisition for the town so that we may continue our good service to the community.

SNOW

Last year was the worst winter on record. As of this writing, the men of the Highway Department have sanded the roadways twice. Of course, winter isn't over yet in New England!

TRANSFER STATION

The transfer station continues to be a well run, well maintained facility. Mr. Jefferson continuously notifies the residents of the many changes that are mandated and required by all three of our contractors: Waste Management, who hauls our full containers; SeMass, who accepts our waste that is burned to make energy; and Automated Waste, who accepts our recycling at no charge to you, the residents. We are privileged to be able to perform all these services for the sum of \$113,983.00. As you are well aware, our cost is far below most other communities' projected costs. I am proud that I could play such an important role in its inception and implementation.

I am pleased with the workmanship and camaraderie of the present crew of the West Bridgewater Highway Department. We are fortunate, indeed, to have the aforementioned work ethic of an entire crew. I take pleasure in introducing Tom Green as the new foreman of the West Bridgewater Highway Department. CONGRATULATIONS! The mutual respect and confidence shown to me by the current highwaymen is greatly appreciated. I would like to thank all departments, boards and Administrative Assistant for their

assistance from time to time. I would like to thank the residents for their continued support of my overall job performance. As always, a special thank you is extended to my wife, Chris, and my daughter, Sonja, for their constant moral support.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Newman, Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

During the year 1994, the Board of Appeals held eighteen (18) hearings. The hearings dealt with the following:

Variance requests dealing with setback.....	7
Change of zoning requests.....	0
Sign variances.....	1
Special permit requests.....	10

Respectfully submitted,

William Lucini, Chairman
Michael D. Feresten
Walter Thayer
Lars (Gary) Eliasson

George O. Merritt
Associate Members,
John DeCosta, Jr.
James Henderson

REPORT OF THE MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and residents of West Bridgewater:

During the year 1994, the Mobile Home Rent Control Board held hearings in the Town Hall and the Howard School.

The Board held public hearings concerning rent adjustments in 1994, and rendered the following decisions:

In the matter of the Petition of Hebshie Brothers Trust, dba Beacon Mobile Home Park, an upward adjustment of rent was allowed.

In the matter of Petition of Matfield Woods Association for rent adjustment, a downward adjustment of rent was allowed.

In the matter of Petition of American Manufacture Home Trust for rent adjustment, an upward adjustment of rent was allowed.

In the matter of Petition of Carl P. Eckstrom for rent adjustment, the rent reduction was denied.

The members of the Rent Control Board are happy to be of service to the Town, and to owners and residents of Beacon Mobile Home Park and Matfield Woods Mobile Home Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Barros, Chairman
Robert McKean, Vice-Chairman
Irene Churchill, Secretary
Venison Turner
Lauren Finch

REPORT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the citizens of West Bridgewater:

The year 1994 brought both happiness and sadness to D'Arpino Village. We were saddened by the death of Jean Freitas, one of our directors and mother of Selectman, Rick Freitas. Jean was a valuable asset to the authority. We sadly miss her and her input.

Our accomplishments the past year are as follows:

We were able to modernize our fire alarm and security systems, both in the community hall and the tenants' units. The community hall had a new air conditioner and paddle fans installed for the comfort of the tenants and users of the hall. The office was endowed with an IBM computer for administrative purposes and we will soon be put on line with E.O.C.D. and other housing authorities. We are still in need of more housing in West Bridgewater as both affordable units and elderly have waiting lists for units. The authority is working on future projects such as new a sign at the entrance to Esther Drive, and new equipment for snow removal and lawn cutting. And, perhaps, an emergency generator for the community hall.

Again we wish to express our thanks to the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, the Highway Department and Fire and Police Departments for all the assistance they have afforded us in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert M. Greiner, Executive Director
Raymund S. Rogers, Chairman & State Rep.
John Cruz, Vice-Chairman
Joan Johnson, Treasurer
Richard C. Williams
Richard Freitas

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater, the Conservation Commission hereby submits its annual report for 1994.

The Conservation Commission has seen some major changes in the town this year with two major nursing facilities in the planning stages. One on South Main Street on the Bridgewater line, the other on West Center Street near the Easton line. Also we have seen the completion of Chadwick's of Boston, on United Drive, except for their soon to be built new septic system. We also have a large store in the planning stage on East Center Street to be built with many environmental problems to be overcome.

This past year the Commission has issued many Orders of Conditions for Building Contractors and home owners as subdivisions are being completed.

The Wetlands Protection Act has once again changes its regulations to include the whole parcel of land if there are wetlands on the property which means, one has to file with the Commission.

The board has done many inspections with favorable results.

We have a storage facility on Pleasant Street that was built illegally and is now in court litigation.

With the many problems that the Commission has to deal with, we wish to thank the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for their assistance. Also, we wish to thank the other boards and departments of the town for their continuous help and thoughtfulness so as to make our decisions better for the environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard M. Hayward, Chairman
Joseph Souza
J. James Lorrain
Quentin Holmes
Ann Fagen

REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater, as your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 1994.

The Council is one of thirteen regional planning agencies in Massachusetts,

authorized by state statute to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of their respective regions. In addition OCPC, which serves fifteen communities in the Brockton-Plymouth areas, is the only regional planning agency in Massachusetts to be designated as an Area Agency on Aging. In this responsibility, the Council manages federal Older Americans Act funding for its regular planning district plus eight additional municipalities. The Council is also designated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation planning and as an Economic Development Administration for economic development planning, coordination and financial support.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street in Brockton.

In 1994 the Council's activities concentrated on meeting the increased requirements of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act for transportation planning and assisting communities in acquiring funding under the program; preparing required documents and providing technical assistance under the economic development program; and, administering the elder services program. The Council was saddened in May by the sudden passing of its President, James A. Kassos of Brockton who had just been re-elected to serve a second term. The OCPC dedicated the Library/Conference Room in memory of Mr. Kassos. Mr. John G. Mather of Halifax was elected to replace him as President of the Council. Elected to serve as Council Secretary was Eldon F. Moreira of West Bridgewater; and Joseph Landolfi of Stoughton was elected Treasurer.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities, the participation and involvement of the members of the Joint Transportation Committee chaired by Stephen Baker; the Overall Economic Development Committee chaired by Mr. Joseph Joseph; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee chaired by Mr. Christian Schembri. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards institutions and individuals who assisted its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate
Nancy Bresciani, Alternate
Matthew C. Striggles, Delegate At Large

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The most significant change in the operation of the police department in the year 1994 is the addition of mobile data terminals in the cruisers. The funds to purchase the equipment was voted at the annual town meeting on June 13, 1994. The process of writing specifications, advertising for bids, opening bids, studying bids, awarding bids and having the equipment installed took a full six months and the equipment went on line the first week of January 1995. As of this writing, which is the end of January, we find the

equipment to be the most significant advance in equipment and technology the police profession has seen in many years. Officer safety, apprehension of persons violating the law and arrest of persons who have outstanding warrants for their arrest are all greatly enhanced by the mobile data terminals. Because of the above we hope to see an increase in revenue received by the town also.

The next important equipment issue that must be addressed is the need for a new computer system designed specifically for public safety departments. Our first computer system was bought in 1987 and was a used system which was no longer suited to the needs of a neighboring police department. That system broke down for the final time in 1993 and we were without a computer for eight months. We then bought some equipment with a \$5,000 donation but this was only a band-aid approach to bring us through some tough financial times and has proven to be inadequate to meet the needs of the department which are growing constantly. Detective Rogers and I have attended several demonstrations by computer companies who design public safety computer systems in an effort to find out which system is in the best interest for the police department and the town.

All officers are in the process of attending a week long In Service Training Program in Plymouth at the Criminal Justice Training Council Training Center. This training is mandated by the Commonwealth. One officer is assigned each week to lessen the impact on the budget. Officer Victor Flaherty has been enrolled in the eighteen week recruit training in Canton starting in March. He was scheduled to attend in January of 1994, but was unable to do so because of a fractured leg received in December of 1993 while affecting an arrest. It has taken until this time to receive permission from a doctor for him to attend the academy.

Officer Richard Warrington was involved in an accident involving a cruiser on October 16, 1994, and is still out of work on injury status as of the end of January. We can only hope he will be back before too long.

Officer Ann Savignano was chosen as the officer from West Bridgewater to receive the Officer of the Year award by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, more commonly known as M.A.D.D. Officer Savignano was chosen for being the DARE Instructor assigned to the school system. She has taught substance abuse education on drugs and alcohol in the West Bridgewater schools. Since the inception of the program six years ago, I believe she has had a positive impact on our youth.

The Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone Reporting System still has not been implemented by the Commonwealth and the telephone company. We thought it would be operational by now, but have not been notified of any plan to install it in the near future.

I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Police Department for their cooperation during the year. I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and their staff and the Finance Committee for the countless hours devoted to making it possible for the police department to provide the necessary services required to protect the lives and property of the residents and others within the town. Other town departments, boards and officers have also cooperated with the police department and that is also appreciated. The support of the citizens and voters of West Bridgewater has been a source of

pride to the police department and has made all previous statements possible and for this we are highly grateful.

Yours truly,

Howard R. Anderson, Chief

I herewith submit the Annual Report of the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 1994.

Larceny.....	148
Arrests (Total).....	763
Protective Custody.....	151
Assault.....	19
Robberies.....	4
Breaks (Residential and Commercial).....	55
Rapes.....	0
Attempted Rapes.....	0
Indecent Assault and Battery.....	1
Operating Under the Influence.....	55
Open and Gross Lewdness.....	3
Child Abuse.....	3

MISCELLANEOUS

Building Found Open.....	21
Assist Ambulance.....	129
Mental Health.....	3
Assist Other Towns.....	71
Officers Assaulted.....	13
Fire Calls Covered.....	5
Bomb Scares.....	1
Alarms Answered.....	833
Missing Persons.....	5
Vehicles Stolen.....	36
Vehicles Recovered.....	23
Unexpected Deaths.....	5
Incapacitated Persons.....	151
Vandalism.....	133
Alarms Answered.....	720
Alarms Answered (False).....	713

TRAFFIC

Accidents.....	337
Fatals.....	1
Property Damage.....	231
With Injuries.....	105

CITATIONS

Warnings.....	852
Non-Criminal.....	1793
Arrest and Court.....	599
Total Citations.....	3244

MONIES RECEIVED TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER 1994

Pistol Permits Issued.....	\$ 2,500.00
License to Sell Firearms and Ammunition.....	88.00
Firearm Identification Cards.....	144.00
Witness Fee.....	16.00
Receipts from Copies of Police Report.....	1,388.00
Parking Fines from Plymouth County.....	6,655.66
Fines from Brockton District Court.....	25,345.00
Fines from the Registry of Motor Vehicles.....	81,325.00
Total Fines Collected.....	113,325.66
Work Permit Issued (Sunday and Holiday).....	190.00
10% Permit Sur Charged Collected from Outside Details.....	5,069.40

Respectfully submitted,

Howard R. Anderson, Chief

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, I herewith submit my sixth annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the year 1994.

PERSONNEL

The personnel of the Fire Department consists of the permanent Chief, One (1) permanent Deputy Chief, One (1) permanent Captain, two (2) permanent Lieutenants, four (4) permanent firefighters, One (1) Call Captain, sixteen (16) call firefighters, and two (2) call Captains.

APPARATUS

Engine #1, 1978 Hendrickson/Farrar 1250 GPM pumper, Engine #2, 1986 Emergency One/GMC 1000 GPM Pumper, Engine #3, 1969 Farrar 750 GPM pumper, Rescue 1, 1994 KME 1250 GPM Rescue/Pumper (Donated by Chadwick's of Boston), Ladder #1, 1974 Seagrave 100' aerial ladder, Forest Fire's #1 and #2, both 1977 Dodge 4 wheel drives acquired at no charge to the town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Ambulance #1, 1993 Ford/Horton, Rescue 2, 1984/76 Chevrolet/Horton, Fire Alarm truck, 1978 Chevrolet bucket truck used by both the Fire Department and the Forestry Department, Service truck, 1967 Ford Four wheel drive pickup (presently out of service), Chief's car, 1991 Ford sedan (Former police cruiser).

STATISTICAL REPORT

During 1994, the Fire Department responded to a total of one thousand two hundred and eighty seven (1,287) calls. Of this figure, seven hundred and eighty eight (788) calls were for the ambulance. Between January and December, the ambulance returned over one hundred and fifty six thousand dollars (\$156,000.00) in revenue. For the same time period, we have processed or billed over one hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000.00). As I have said before, there is no guarantee that we will collect this entire amount, however, I do believe that our projected revenues from the ambulance are right on target.

TRAINING

The Fire Department, through the efforts of Deputy Chief Richard W. Gibson and Captain Allen A. Breer, our two drill instructors, continues to keep both our permanent and call firefighters as well trained as possible in the ever changing environments in which they must work. The general public, in this day and age, does not call the fire department for fires only. Our personnel must be trained in all aspects of every day life, from emergency medical problems, to hazardous material incidents, to electrical or appliance malfunctions, as well as fires. Keeping our personnel "on top of their game" so to speak is the responsibility of the two aforementioned individuals and they are to be commended for their continuing efforts.

INSPECTIONS

All inspections required by law, as well as numerous other inspections, were accomplished with the cooperation of Building Inspector Steven Crawford. This office continues to work very closely with Inspector Crawford on a daily basis and will continue to do so. Experience has shown that when the Fire Chief and the Building Inspector work together from the beginning of a particular project, it eliminates several problems and the end result is the smooth construction of the building.

In addition to those items on our capital outlay plan for this year, I am again requesting that we consider increasing the permanent firefighting force by two (2) men. We have not hired any additional permanent firefighters since 1978 and, during that time, portions of our town have grown tremendously. West Bridgewater is not the small country town that it was fifteen or even ten years ago. Many of the problems we face on a daily basis, up until a few years ago, were only situations encountered by city departments.

My intentions would be to assign these additional firefighters to a straight day shift schedule. Day time hours is when we have the least available personnel to respond to an incident. Extra personnel during the day would also provide additional personnel to assist with fire prevention activities and inspections. I am also requesting the following:

1. I am requesting that we add one more year to the replacement/updating program for our radio equipment. Unanticipated price increases and the need to replace some radios before they were scheduled to be replaced caused me to request this additional year. Estimated cost will remain the same at \$6,500.00.
2. Complete the equipment purchase for the new pumping engine which was donated to the town by Chadwick's of Boston. This request was originally \$18,000.00 but

was cut to \$12,000.00 prior to town meeting. Cost would be the \$6,000.00 balance.

3. Appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 to purchase a semi-automatic defibrillator for use by our EMTs on the Ambulance. One suggested source for these funds would be the ambulance monies.

4. Appropriate \$5,000.00 to purchase two removable "skid" units for Forest Fire #1 & #2. These units were originally built in 1967 and have served the town well but need to be replaced. One of these units is presently out of service and has been discarded.

In closing I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their continued support of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Departments. I would also like to express my appreciation to all the other boards and town departments who have assisted the Fire Department in the past year.

Last, but certainly not least, a sincere thank you to the personnel of the department for their continued cooperation with this office. You have the finest fire and emergency medical services department in the area. I am continually proud of their efforts on a daily basis on behalf of the citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard T. Hunt, Chief

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the citizens of West Bridgewater.

Single family home construction declined this year by one. The value of construction overall decreased slightly, the reason for the decrease was that there were no individual homes in the five hundred thousand dollar categories while most exceed two hundred and twenty five thousand. The number of additions, alterations, sheds, pools, barn and garages increased.

Commercial and Industrial construction continues to follow a strong orderly growth pattern. The number of projects decreased slightly but the size and scope of the project increased.

As a community we have undertaken the major reconstruction of two of our schools and significant alterations to a third. These projects have required an increased work load and will continue to require the same through the next year. The bottom line is we issued more permits, did more work, and turned more money into the general fund than last year.

The Building Inspection Department made up of myself, Inspector of Wires, Albert (Skip) Greiner and Inspector of Plumbing and Gas, Joseph Donovan, would like to

take this opportunity to thank the town citizens and employees for their assistance and cooperation.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

Construction Value

17	Dwellings	\$ 1,694,400.00
46	Additions and Alterations	237,825.00
12	Swimming Pools	79,150.00
12	Stoves and Chimneys	9,540.00
18	Sheds and Garages	68,299.00
	Sub Total	<u>\$ 2,089,214.00</u>

COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION

3	New Buildings	\$ 6,182,670.00
28	Additions and Alterations	9,816,062.00
14	Signs	7,280.00
38	Certificates of Inspection	0.00
	Sub Total	<u>\$16,006,012.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$18,095,226.00</u>

Total fees waived for municipal projects	\$ 23,000.00
Total fees collected and deposited to the General Fund.	\$ 67,231.00

Respectfully submitted,

Steven D. Crawford, Inspector of Buildings

REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, I respectfully submit my annual report as the Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fitting for the period of March 15, 1994, to December 31, 1994.

There were 80 plumbing applications filed for plumbing permits.

There were 116 plumbing inspections made in the following types of buildings:

New Dwellings.....	28
Old Dwellings.....	51
Commercial Buildings.....	16
Public Buildings.....	<u>1</u>
Total.....	96

There were 56 water heaters installed.

There were 80 gas applications filed for gas permits.

There were 90 gas inspections made in the following types of buildings:

New Dwellings.....	16
Old Dwellings.....	46
Commercial Buildings.....	21
Public Buildings.....	1
Total.....	84

There were 33 gas appliances installed.

The Massachusetts State Plumbing & Gas Code is used as a basis for all plumbing and gas installations.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Donovan, Plumbing and Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater, I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1994.

During the calendar year 1994, a total of two hundred ninety-two (292) measuring devices were sealed, one hundred six (106) devices were adjusted, fourteen (14) devices were marked Not Sealed (as such they cannot be sued legally in trade), and nine (9) devices were condemned for failure to meet prescribed standards.

The following is a summary of measuring devices inspected and tested:

Scales and Balances

Over 10,000 pounds	1 Sealed
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	3 Sealed
100 to 5,000 pounds	33 Sealed 8 Adjusted 4 Not Sealed 5 Condemned
Under 100 pounds	57 Sealed 12 Adjusted 1 Not Sealed 1 Condemned

Weights

Avoirdupois	38 Sealed
Metric	15 Sealed
Apothecary	11 Sealed

Liquid Measuring Meters

Gasoline	79 Sealed
	79 Adjusted
	9 Not Sealed
	1 Condemned
Diesel Fuel	6 Sealed 6 Adjusted
Kerosene	1 Sealed 1 Adjusted
Spring Water	3 Sealed

Fabric Measuring Devices

44 Sealed
2 Condemned

Linear Measures

Tape	1 Sealed
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The following fees were assessed for the above inspections:

Sealing Fees	\$ 2,225.40
Adjusting Fees	<u>440.00</u>
Total Fees	\$ 2,665.40

Of the assessed fees, \$ 2,629.40 was collected and turned in to the Town Treasurer for the calendar year.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and to the personnel in the various Town Offices for their continued cooperation in assisting me in carrying out my assigned duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert A. Wolfer, Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE FORESTRY & PARKS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the citizens of West Bridgewater:

The Forestry Department continues its efforts in areas of tree work, park restoration, grounds maintenance and recreation. Listed below are some of the areas in which the department is currently involved:

17 Greens at Intersections	Five - Acre Park
Town Hall and Gazebo Grounds	Seven Cemeteries
Legion Memorial Ballfields	Town Library
Police / Fire Station Grounds	Town Skating Rink
Selective Landscape Projects at our Public Schools	

Town greens and lawns are continuously upgraded and monitored for insect and disease problems. During 1994, there were 22 town trees removed due to disease or public safety.

Poison ivy and hornet / wasp eradication was carried out this past summer for town residents.

We have continued the process of tree trimming and brush clearing. A 3 foot walking area on each side of every public road is our goal. Residents are urged to call if they have an obstructed area near their home.

The use of the Town's bucket truck, which is managed by the Fire and Forestry departments, continues to be a great help in tree trimming and removal. A private contracted crane is brought in for large trees. Eastern Edison helps the town remove any dead trees near wires. This co-op program has been very successful with Edison giving the Town a yearly \$ 1,000.00 grant for planting new trees.

I maintain contact with the Department of Environmental Management, Division of Forest and Shade Trees, and with their aid, assessment of gypsy moth severity is carried out.

Plymouth County Mosquito Control was contacted a number of times, and spraying was done at the town playgrounds, ballfields, park, swamp areas and private homes. Any town resident can have their yard sprayed in the spring for larvae or during the summer for adult mosquitoes.

I have four (4) funds under my department which I manage and to which I encourage donations:

1. **Stars and Stripes** - includes funds for all town flags
2. **Holiday Decoration Fund** - used to supply and upgrade holiday decorations

3. **Beautification** - to supply trees, shrubs, flowers, mulch etc. for all public areas in town

4. **Gazebo Concert Series Fund** - a fund to pay for the cost of our Summer Concert Series

War Memorial Park restoration work continues. Volunteers gave time planting and maintaining gardens throughout the park. The park was also decorated for the holiday season again this year. All lights, electricity and labor were donated by the efforts of our Park Commission. The Park Restoration Fund, which committee members oversee, covered all expenses. Department vehicles and equipment include:

1968 Chipper	1994 F-350 Ford Dump
1993 Graverly 72" cut Tractor	1995 F-800 Ford Dump
1991 F-150 Ford Pick-Up	

I managed four (4) workers from the Brockton Area Private Industry Council this past spring and summer. The program ran for seven weeks. These young men ranged in age from 15 to 19 years old. Many hours of free labor went to projects all over town.

An "Adopt - an - Island" program continues. Six volunteers maintained flower gardens at intersections.

Our second annual Gazebo Concert Series was held in summer, 1994. Six concerts were presented on Monday evenings throughout the summer, free to the public. Plans are now being made for the 1995 summer program.

The West Bridgewater Playground Committee Inc., is currently raising funds for the new Friendship Park. Over the last year a group of town residents have been working diligently to build this playground on Howard School property. Friendship Park is being built totally for the young people of our community and will be handicapped accessible. When completed, it will be landscaped with gardens and trees throughout. This department will be responsible for its upkeep and maintenance so that it will be a permanent fixture in town for years to come. We hope to reach our goal of \$ 60,000.00 by the fall of 1995.

Our town Skating Rink restoration project is now complete. Efforts by many town businesses and organizations donating time and money has made this a success.

As budgets become tighter each year, new ways have to be created to fund projects. To allow the Park, trees or town properties to decline is not sound for a town that has invested so much in maintaining these things over the years. We always need fresh ideas by employees, townspeople and volunteers to keep things moving forward in a positive direction. I truly thank all of my co-workers who have helped me over the past year.

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Iannitelli, Forestry and Parks Superintendent

REPORT OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Nineteen ninety-four was a year of many successes for the school children of West Bridgewater. The April election returned David Gill and R. Linn Peterson to the Committee, and a special election in May passed a much needed building project for the town's schools. As a result of retirements and other personnel changes, we welcomed Mr. David Moran as principal of the Rose L. MacDonald School, Mrs. Joyce Francis as principal of the Howard / Spring Street School and several new teachers to our staff.

In January, the School Committee approved a change to a new schedule aimed at improving student performance at the High School, and the change in philosophy at the seventh and eight grade to a middle school program instead of a traditional junior high school program. Our goal with these changes, as always, is to improve the education of our students, and to better prepare them for the next century.

Throughout the winter and spring, the Committee worked with the School Building Needs Committee to plan for the renovation and reconstruction of the school buildings. The proposal to renovate the Spring Street School and the Junior / Senior High School, and to rebuild the Howard School was supported by the town and went to bid in the summer, after approval of the 69% reimbursement from the state was received by the town. Construction began in the fall, and we expect the work to be substantially completed by the opening of school in September of 1995. The cooperation of the town boards and officials has been a major factor in the successful launching of the project. The town and especially the children will benefit for many years after the completion of this project. The School Committee wishes to extend particular gratitude to the members of the Building Committee for the time that they have given and will be giving to see this project to a successful conclusion. Mr. Victor Flaherty, as chairman, has worked very hard for the children of the community and should be recognized for his dedication.

Through the efforts of Athletic Director Steven Barrett and Officer Ann Savignano of the West Bridgewater Police Department, an outdoor, lighted basketball court was constructed next to the tennis courts, which were also refurbished. This is a wonderful improvement to the school's athletic fields, and provides more activities for the students and residents after school hours.

The newly-formed School Councils presented their first School Improvement Plans to the School Committee, and they were approved. The goals of all plans are to improve the education and building environment for the students, with particular emphasis on the needs of each level. With the support of the town through funding, we hope to accomplish the goals in each plan. Through the leadership of our superintendent and administrators, we are already seeing results from expanded staff development programs and curriculum changes.

West Bridgewater graduates continue to do well and make us proud to say they are one of ours. With the continued cooperatin of the Town boards and officials, both the schools and the town will prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Santry, Chairman
Jeffrey Russell, Vice-Chairman
R.Linn Peterson, Clerk
Mark Burley
David Gill
Nora Bradford

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The centerpiece for the schools in 1994 was the passage of the building construction project. Voters gave overwhelming support to the \$5.8 million project. In September, A.P. Whitaker and Sons was awarded the construction contract. Ground breaking began on October 27, 1994. Howard School will undergo its third incarnation. The original Howard School burned in 1949; the second Howard School was demolished in 1994, and a new Howard School will rise from the rubble in 1995, as the Howard School tradition continues. Work on Spring Street School and Middle / Senior High School began in November 1994. It is expected that the entire construction project will be completed by January 1996. Howard School is slated to open in September 1995.

I want to thank the many people who made this project possible. I especially want to thank the School Committee for its diligence and tenacity in seeing this project through, Victor Flaherty and the School Building Needs Committee for leadership in bringing the project to fruition, the Selectmen for their support, the parents, teachers and citizens who worked to get support for the project, and the voters for passing the project at the polls.

In general, 1994 was a very good year for the schools. It was the first full year under the Education Reform Act. School finances were stabilized by the Act. This was also an important year for several curricula initiatives. The high school adopted a new schedule called Macro, or Black Scheduling. Instead of seven, forty minute classes per day, the new schedule provides for eighty three minute classes, four times per day. Time on task was increased by forty three minutes and meets the new Time and Learning standards mandated by the Department of Education.

Team teaching was introduced in the middle school, grades 7 and 8. The elementary school, grades K-1, began the Chicago Mathematics Program which introduces students to advanced mathematical concepts at a much earlier age. The high school joined a school and business partnership with Oracle Software and Auto Card which will provide students with job training in high technology.

With these initiatives and sustained staff efforts to improve the quality of education for our students, the schools have reaffirmed their commitment to ensure success for all students while maintaining high standards for all.

With this my fifth report, I want to thank the many parents and citizens who have been so helpful to the schools during the past year. Most importantly, my thanks to our students who, in so many ways, make our job in education so worthwhile. Through our halls walk some of the country's best students.

Sincerely,

Ronald W. Pacy, Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE MIDDLE / SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The academic year 1994 has brought many changes to West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School. We began the school year with our new Macro schedule. As of October 1, 1994, 410 students were enrolled in grades 7-12. We graduated 50 seniors in June 1994 and greeted 82 wide-eyed seventh graders in September 1994. Our student population continues to grow slowly, but steadily.

Through the 1994 academic year, various committees worked diligently to create the best educational opportunities for our students. The School Council developed its School Improvement Plan and presented the plan in June. The plan called for upgrades in curriculum, technology and facilities. Through the district-wide renovations project most of the Council's recommendations will be realized. Department heads have been actively working with their respective discipline responsibilities and have begun curriculum revisions to comply with the Education Reform Act of 1993.

During the fall of 1994 the Commission on Time and Learning recommended many changes to the time structure of a school day. Because of our macro schedule (named Aurora) West Bridgewater Middle / Senior High School complied with all recommendations. Members from the Commission on Time and Learning visited our school and spoke with teachers, students, administrators and Dr. Pacy. As a result of their study, West Bridgewater Middle / Senior High School was chosen as a "model of time restructuring to be shared with other districts" throughout the state of Massachusetts.

Much still needs to be accomplished to appropriately provide the best educational opportunities for our students. Our energies are focused on providing a student-centered learning environment. We have been working industriously to create a quality educational environment that meets the needs of all students. We are proud of our cooperative reform initiatives and will continue to strive to provide our students with optimum educational experiences.

West Bridgewater Middle / Senior School Council

School Personnel:

Dr. Ann M. Papagiotas, Principal (Co-Chair)
Mr. Malcolm Reese, Teacher (Co-Chair)
Ms. Nancy Emord, Teacher
Mr. Alan Weintraub, Teacher

Students:

Ms. Jamie Anderson
Ms. Sarah Barry

Middle / Senior Management Team:

Dr. Ann M. Papagiotas, Principal
Mr. Ronald Broman, Dean of Students
Mrs. Judith Whittemore, Director of Guidance
Ms. Patricia Oakley, Coordinator, Math/Science
Mr. Malcom Reese, Coordinator, Humanities/Technology
Mr. Stephen Barrett, Coordinator, Health/P.E. Athletics
Mr. Edward Sarro, President, Faculty Senate

Parents:

Mrs. Lorie Mardo
Mrs. April McDermott
Mr. Robert Kenrick
Mrs. Louise Andrews

Community:

Mr. Christopher Iannitelli
Mr. Jonathan Asker
Mrs. Louise Russo

Middle School Gr.7 Team:

Mr. Robert Woods
Mrs. Margaret Woods
Mrs. Norma Snipas
Mrs. Margaret Cook

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Ann M. Papagiotas, Principal
Mr. Ronald C. Broman, Dean of Students

REPORT OF THE ROSE L. MacDONALD SCHOOL

The Rose L. MacDonald School has 338 students enrolled in grades 1-4. Grade four has been housed at the Rose L. Mac Donald School due to the construction of Howard School. Kindergarten has moved to be permanently housed at Spring Street School.

All classrooms in Grades 1-4 are heterogeneously grouped. In Grades 1-3 classrooms are self-contained and their classroom teacher is responsible for the core curriculum: Reading / Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Science and Science. In Grade 4 classrooms are semi-departmentalized, grouping for mathematics. All other core subjects are taught by the classroom teacher.

In addition to the core curriculum, students receive instruction in Art, Health, Library, Music and Physical Education. We are beginning computer education with Grade 4. We will be expanding the program to other grades as our computer lab grows and develops.

Children identified with special needs are serviced by specialized personnel in the classroom in cooperation with the classroom teacher. Some students are serviced outside the classroom dependent on their need and available personnel.

Students are provided additional support in the Chapter I Reading and Math Program, Reading Recovery in Grade 1, and counseling with our School Psychologist. We have begun implementation of a new Math program this year in Kindergarten and Grade 1 with Grade 2 working toward implementation in 1995-6.

The Rose L. MacDonald School in principle and practice is consistent with the approved common core of learning of the Massachusetts Board of Education. The curriculum in all areas continues to focus on basic skills of Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking and Problem Solving. Staff are engaged in improving their professional skills and resources and renewing the curriculum for quality education.

The Rose L. MacDonald School Council has expanded and provides assistance to the principal in meeting our goals and the mission of the West Bridgewater Public Schools. In addition, a very active (PTO) Parent Teacher Organization provides funding programs and innovation in materials and opportunities that enrich the educational experience. The PTO continues to be the strongest advocate for children and education in our schools.

Teachers, Parents and Administration are dedicated to the children of West Bridgewater. The efforts to provide the best educational experience continues so that our young people will learn and be successful.

Respectfully submitted,

David Moran, Principal

REPORT OF THE HOWARD / SPRING STREET SCHOOL

I am pleased to present my first report as principal of the Howard / Spring Street School. As of October 1, 1994 there are 262 students in kindergarten and grades 5 and 6. Our sixth grade is presently housed on the second floor of the West Bridgewater Junior / Senior High School while the remaining students in grades 5 and Kindergarten share B wing of the Spring Street School. Grade 4 has temporarily moved to the Rose L. MacDonald School. The current grade placements are due to the renovation projects at the Howard and Spring Street Schools.

My role as principal began in January 1994 with the retirement of Mr. William Jones. It is both exciting and rewarding to have moved during the last 25 years from teaching in a classroom to Reading and Language Arts Coordinator to Administrative Assistant and to finally become the Howard / Spring Street School Principal.

During the late spring, all of the necessary votes and approvals were completed and it became clear that the renovation projects on the West Bridgewater schools were

going to take place. At the close of school in June, the teachers in the kindergarten, 4th and 5th grades packed up their classrooms for the second time and moved to their new 'temporary' classrooms. Many summer hours were spent by both parent volunteers and teachers unpacking and setting up these classrooms for the opening of school in September.

Despite the limited facilities (no gymnasium, library, art, music or special education rooms, and being located in three separate buildings), grade relocations and a few transportation problems, the school year got off to a great start. The West Bridgewater Public Library has been working with Mrs. Joan Keating to provide library facilities while the school cafeteria and Junior / Senior High are utilized for special programs. Students and teachers walk between both buildings for classes. Additionally, the senior citizens visit the Spring Street School for lunch on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Daily, students receive instruction in the Core Curriculum areas of Reading, Language Arts (written and spoken), Spelling, Handwriting, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science. Students also receive instruction in Art, Chorus, Computers, Health, Library Science, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music and Physical Education on a weekly basis.

In addition to the above, for those students who experience varying degrees of difficulty, whether it be academic, social and/or emotional, extra help is provided through our Special Needs Department, Chapter 1 Program and or Counseling Services.

The Howard / Spring Street School Council was established as a result of the Education Reform Act of 1993. It has adopted the mission statement that all students will be successful learners. Council members consist of: Francis Mahoney, Donna Fortin, Debbie DiLiddo, Joy Hohengasser, Bruce Holmquist, Frank DeMello, Maureen Rosa, Lucy Smith and myself. The Council has adopted educational goals for the school, reviewed the school budget and set up a school improvement plan. The Council meets on the second Wednesday of every month and meetings are open to the public.

We are indeed most fortunate in receiving the support and cooperation of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). They continue to support the schools with the purchase of necessary educational materials and equipment as well as materials for enrichment programs. They provide the school with volunteers and help supervise special activities. We thank them for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the staff and children.

As we move into the second half of the 1994-1995 school year, we look forward with excitement and anticipation to the completion of and move into our new school. We the administration, staff, parents and students wish to thank the people of the town for their support of student activities and for the renovation of the Howard and Spring Street Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce R. Francis, Principal

SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

The personnel involved in providing Special Education services to the students of this community are professionally well qualified, sincerely dedicated and committed to meeting their responsibilities.

Presently, 184 students are receiving 360 units of service. Eighteen (18%) percent of our total school enrollment is receiving one or more forms of service. The following is a current accounting of the services being provided:

TYPE OF SERVICE	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
Adapted Physical Education	13
Speech and Language Therapy	65
Occupational Therapy	46
Physical Therapy	7
Counseling Services	67
Vision and Mobility Services	1
Resource Services / Inclusion	145
Alternative Program at Jr./Sr. High	37

Sixteen (16) West Bridgewater students are enrolled in out of district placements, which include the following schools and/or programs.

NAME OF SCHOOL / PROGRAM	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
EDCO Program, Newton	1
Mathoms / Lovering School, Brockton	2
Hanover High School, Hanover	1
Linden Hill, Northfield	1
Abington E.C.C., Abington	1
READS Hearing Impaired, Middleboro	1
READS T.O.P., Bristol Plymouth H.S., Taunton	1
READS Integrated PreSchool, West Bridgewater	8

An evaluation of Special Education Programs, Services and TEAM Evaluation Process must be completed every three years to assess our compliance with State and Federal mandates. During the 1993-94 school year, a Summative Evaluation of Programs and Services was conducted by Linari Associates mainly through interview: questionnaires for staff, students and parents; and review of pertinent data and information. Comments and recommendations were noted and are being addressed where appropriate.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to my professional colleagues and in particular to my office staff, Sharon and Karen, for their understanding, patience and support during this year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Erick Benson, Asst. Superintendent
Special Education Administrator

REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Southeastern offers six post-secondary and twenty-four secondary vocational-technical training programs. On October 1, 1993 there were 1,282 students enrolled in the school.

West Bridgewater's share of the \$10,310,948.00 Fiscal 1995 school budget is \$99,819.00. This is 2.73% of the budget and represents thirty-five students.

Various grants were written and funded from a variety of sources to offset supply and equipment costs. We were funded for a health grant, drug-free school grant, special education grant, block grant, mathematics/science grant and Carl Perkins vocational grant. Grant funds were used to purchase machine shop equipment and various shop supplies. Additional grant funds were used to hire aides, discipline assistants and vocational teachers.

Our adult evening school courses continue to offer entry level trade skills and apprentice programs. Many new evening school courses were offered during the past year, and adult participation has greatly increased.

A site visit was made by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences to evaluate our Medical Laboratory Technician Program receive accreditation for a two year period.

John Avery, our High School Director for the past six years, was appointed Superintendent-Director of Bristol-Plymouth Regional School in Taunton, and created a vacancy that was filled by Patrick H. O'Neill, former Director and Administrative Officer of Maine Vocational United Technologies Center. Mr. O'Neill has over twenty years of experience and is completing his doctoral studies at Nova Southeastern University in vocational technical occupational education.

Southeastern recently hosted ten vocational students from Fermanagh College in Northern Ireland, and ten County Cavan students from the Republic of Ireland. The program was called the Wider Horizons Program, and was funded by the International Fund for Ireland to promote peace and greater understanding.

Southeastern student John Shea won first place in the Massachusetts Vocational Industrial Clubs of America residential plumbing competition and placed seventh in the national competition held in Kansas City, Missouri. Other VICA students have been successful in other regional and state competitions.

Southeastern graduates continue to do well, and the Class of 1994 has 96% of its graduates placed in full-time jobs, military and/or further education. Co-operative education employers thank the school district for supplying them with high caliber students.

Southeastern is always seeking new and different ways of conducting its education pro-

grams at minimal costs to the taxpayers of the school district without sacrificing quality vocational education programs.

Southeastern is appreciative for the co-operation and support received from the residents of West Bridgewater

Sincerely yours,

Eugene Kostecki

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen; we, the Commissioners and Superintendent of the town of West Bridgewater, respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1994.

During the year a total of 267,460,490 gallons of water were pumped. This is 4,923,160 gallons less than the previous year. The greatest amount for any one day was July 6, 1994 with 1,565,100 gallons of water being pumped. The largest month was June with 31,257,610 gallons pumped. The largest week was June 17, 1994 with 7,811,700 gallons being pumped.

With 267,460,490 gallons of water pumped plus 907,180 gallons bought from Easton, a total of 268,367,670 gallons of water was used. This makes a daily average of 735,254 gallons.

Seventeen new water services were installed, bringing our total number to 2,422 services.

Station maintenance was carried out daily, after every severe storm and after all power failures. A total of 572 hours of overtime was spent on emergency leaks and maintenance.

Once again in the fall of the year the water department undertook our flushing program. The flushing program has proven to be very successful, almost eliminating dirty water complaints.

The Board of Water Commissions would like to thank our crew for the excellent job rebuilding the town ice skating rink and the associated drainage system with help from the Forestry Department and many independent businessmen in town. A job well done! Leaving the towns quality of life enriched for years to come.

Early in the year we discovered an air leak in the Cyr St. Station #1 vacuum tank. The tank was original with the pumping station which was built in 1948, our first pumping station built in town. The replacement was complicated by it being insulated with asbestos impregnated insulation. Certified asbestos removal was completed and the tank was replaced. The pumping station was back on line in plenty of time for the spring

peak pumping season.

In the spring of the year the water department crew marked by painting white flags on all hydrants, water gates and wells in our system. This allowed us to take part in the aerial photography mapping project that the Board of Assessors contracted to be done. This basic mapping of our system is the beginning of the most advanced system mapping available. The accuracy and data acquisition is incredible. The entire water system will be digitized on a computer for easy access to detailed system information in seconds. Updating of information and system additions will be extremely accurate with very little time or expense.

In the fall of 1994 the crew undertook the replacement of an old 2" steel water main on Woodland Road. Fire protection for the area had to come from Pinecrest Road. The 2" line was replaced with 660' of 8" C-900. All services to the houses were renewed. The completion of this project also allowed a connection of the 12" water main on Pinecrest Road to Matfield Street increasing the fire flow to the entire Matfield Street area. Our own crew completed the entire job saving the rate payers thousands of dollars in subcontractor fees. We thank the Highway Department crew for their part in working with us to resurface the trench.

The water crew also took on another project in the fall of 1994. This was the laying of an electrical conduit. One 4" and one 2" conduit running between station #1 and station #4 on Cyr Street. This allowed us to utilize the 115 kw generator located at station #4 to operate the Cyr Street station #1 during periods of power outages. We spent \$10,000.00 on labor and materials running copper lines between the two stations. Thousands of dollars was saved by our own crew and equipment laying the conduit. The 2" conduit will be used to pull a wire between the two stations for control circuitry and data acquisition. With this in place we will save the rental fees of telephone data lines between the stations. During hurricanes this new system will also be much more reliable.

During the year 142 analyses of our drinking water were made for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency for bacterial elements. All reports were most satisfactory, showing it to be of highly acceptable quality and free from bacterial elements. Analysis of sodium concentration in our water averaged 10.9 milligrams per litre for 1994, allowing us to meet the state regulation of a maximum of 20 milligrams per litre. We also ran individual tests on all 4 wells to check for cancer causing pollutants in our water and none were detected in any of our wells.

We would like to thank the crew of the water department for making this year a success, and all the other departments that came to our aid when requested and most importantly all the townspeople who have supported us in reaching our goals.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Noyes, Chairman
Donald Asack, Member
David Churchill, Clerk
Richard E. Krugger Jr., Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health respectfully submits its report for 1994.

The following list of fees gathered by the Board of Health is a glimpse of some of the Board activities:

Perc Test observations	\$ 7755.50
Disposal works permits	2880.00
Food service and retail food permits	3970.00
Disposal installer permits	595.00
Milk and Cream permits	470.00
Septic hauler licenses	420.00
Rabies clinic	395.00
Mobile food service permits	175.00
Mobile home park and motel permits	150.00
Miscellaneous	820.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 17,235.50</u>

Again this year we thank the Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association and our Public Health Nurse for running the clinics on blood pressure and blood sugar screening, TB testing and flu shots. The Public Health Nurse is available every first and third Tuesday from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon at our office in the Town Hall, every second Wednesday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Council of Aging Center and every fourth Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Community Center at Esther Drive Housing complex.

The Veterinary Clinic for rabies for dogs and cats was held in April. It was well received.

Lastly we wish to express our appreciation to the Health Inspector, Richard Colvin for handling all the day to day work that allows our Board to function. The ongoing restaurant and food handling inspections, septic site inspections and follow-up visits and calls on public health complaints received by the Board are not seen in yearly reports such as this, but are essential to the public health of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie T. Bagley, Chairperson
Sandra L. Asack, Clerk
Edward F. Cruz, Member

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, we hereby respectfully submit our annual report for the year 1994.

Number of dairy cows over two years.....	172
Number of dairy heifers one to two years.....	54
Number of dairy calves under one year.....	47
Number of dairy bulls.....	3
Number of dairy steers.....	4
Number of dairy herds.....	3
Number of horses.....	38
Number of ponies.....	9
Number of goats.....	13
Number of sheep.....	21
Number of donkeys.....	1
Number of swine.....	56
Number of swine herds.....	1
Number of poultry.....	5662
Number of poultry flocks.....	3
Number of dog bites reported to inspector for quarantine.....	6
Number of cats quarantined.....	1

Respectfully submitted,
Howard A. Anderson
Richard Anderson
Inspectors of Animals

REPORT OF THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 1994.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of 25 Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. On July 14th, the Town of Whitman rejoined the Project. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

Again in 1994, the season began with an above normal water table which produced large numbers of spring brood mosquitoes throughout the County. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of adult mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began. The Project responded to increased numbers of service requests until a drying trend occurred

during mid-summer. All sprayers and trucks performed well with little time lost to breakdowns.

The threat of the mosquito-transmitted disease Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was low in 1994. This season marked the first time since 1981 that EEE virus was not isolated during the mosquito surveillance period. The recurring problem of EEE in South-eastern Massachusetts continues to ensure cooperation between this Project and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The figures specific to the Town of West Bridgewater are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of West Bridgewater resident.

Insecticide Application - 2,402 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes re-invaded the area. The first treatments were made in May and the last in September.

Aerial Application - Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In West Bridgewater this year we aeri-ally larvicided 1,100 acres.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

Finally, we have been tracking complaint response time, that is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of West Bridgewater was less than two days with more than 268 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in West Bridgewater indicates that *Coquillettidia perturbans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected included *Aedes vexans* and *Aedes excrucians*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

REPORT OF THE BRIDGEWATER VISITING NURSE ASSOC., INC.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association has been serving the residents of the Bridgewaters for the past ninety-three years. What started out as a one person operation working out of a simple black bag, has now

turned into a rapidly growing business with a staff of sixty-four. Our one nurse did simple dressing changes and checked on ailing patients, very often delivering them prescriptions from our local pharmacy. Nowadays our staff not only includes nurses, but also a large number of home health aides, a nutritionist, a physical therapist, an occupational therapist, a speech therapist, a licensed social worker, a psychiatric nurse and a growing office staff to help keep the vast amount of paperwork that goes along with today's medical services. Home health care has changed tremendously over the decades and with the careful planning and forethought of our Board of Directors and staff, our Agency has been able to deliver the services necessary for the care and well being of our town's residents.

Monthly clinics and our yearly Health Fair have given many of our residents an insight into possible health problems with high blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, and glaucoma screenings. During the year we have worked on helping the towns with flue immunizations, Mantoux testing, lead screening and many other helpful tests.

We wish to thank you, the businesses and residents, for all your past support and thoughtful consideration over the past years for without you, we would not be what we are today.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Kravitz, President

REPORT OF THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY RAPE CRISIS CENTER

THE PROGRAM

The Plymouth County Rape Crisis Center is a program of Health Care of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc. which is a private, non-profit agency. The rape crisis center was established more than fifteen years ago in response to the need for these services in every community. We at the center struggle to eliminate rape and sexual assault in our communities. All services are free of charge.

SERVICES

The Plymouth County Rape Crisis Center provides an array of services which includes:

24-HOUR HOTLINE: The hotline provides 24-hour counseling to survivors of rape, incest, sexual assault and their significant others.

CRISIS INTERVENTION: Through the hotline, counselors are available 24 hours a day to respond to survivors, and their families, police departments or emergency rooms immediately after an assault. The counselor provides support to the survivor and the family to help them regain control of a particularly devastating situation.

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELING: Individual and group counseling are offered to survivors and their significant others in order to help them deal with the devastating

emotional impact of the rape or sexual assault. Group counseling brings survivors of a sexual assault together to help them deal with the feelings of isolation and helplessness.

MEDICAL LIAISON: Counselors are trained in emergency protocols for treatment of rape survivors utilized by various community hospitals.

LEGAL LIAISON: Counselors accompany survivors to court to provide them the emotional support to follow through with the charges. The court experience can be extremely difficult for the survivors. In addition to assisting survivors within the court setting, counselors work closely with police departments during the initial stages of a sexual assault investigation.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Educational and training programs are offered to schools, churches, social service agencies, police departments, hospitals and community organizations on rape awareness/prevention, child assault, rape trauma syndrome and other related issues.

THE NEED: One out of every two women will be raped or be a victim of attempted rape in their lifetime. One out of every seven males are sexually assaulted by the age of eighteen.

The Plymouth County Rape Crisis Center provides direct services to sexual assault survivors and their significant others. These direct services take the form of hotline counseling via our 24-hour hotline system, individual and/or group counseling, and medical and legal advocacy. In addition to these direct services, Plymouth County Rape Crisis Center provides rape awareness/prevention seminars to school aged children, professional agencies, religious organizations and other community groups.

Last year, the Plymouth County Rape Crisis Center received 13 hotline calls from residents of West Bridgewater. Seven residents and their significant others received ongoing individual and/or group counseling. Forty-three individuals from the town of West Bridgewater received rape awareness/prevention education.

As always, we thank the Town of West Bridgewater for its continued support, and we look forward to working together with you in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Mullin-Saucedo, MSW, LICSW
Program Director

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

It was a very satisfactory year, by that I mean it came to a successful conclusion, but not a final one.

The Senior Site Selection Committee has been working diligently with Town Officials to resolve this problem and their priority is to find a permanent home for our Senior Center.

In October, we moved a new temporary quarters at 1 South Main Street. This accommodates our Administrative Office and the Social Day Care Program.

The Senior Luncheons are held on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. in the cafeteria at the Spring Street School.

In 1993-1994 we served 3,995 congregate meals and 2,128 home delivered meals.

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF THESE PROGRAMS!

Line Dancing is being provided every Tuesday in the High School Cafeteria from 9:30-10:30 a.m. with an average of 15 participants every week. For the present time these activities are held only when school is in session.

We worked very hard to continue our weekly Bingo but could not find a large enough space at the right time of day. This will be reinstated as soon as we are able. This is a very popular activity among our Seniors.

The "Capen Caller" newsletter is the most effective line of communication. 1,100 issues are mailed monthly. This enables us to provide information on services and activities we at the Council on Aging provide.

Other services provided are: Monthly Blood Pressure Clinic, Annual Flu Clinic, Social Day Care, Fuel Assistance, Shine Counseling, Senior Citizen ID cards, Bay State Discount, and Dial-A-Bat Transportation. Our Transportation Coordinator, Eleanor Lindsay, provides day and overnight trips year round to Seniors who like to travel.

In 1994, the Council on Aging was the recipient of a Formula Grant of \$3,993.00 and a Nutrition Grant in the amount of \$3,500.00.

On a sad note, we lost two very dedicated council members, Jean Freitas and Robert Bolger who are missed.

JOY (Just Older Youth) reorganized in March. This brought new volunteers and members who have been very busy holding fund-raisers to continue to support the Council on Aging. They have established a Building Fund and have received donations totaling \$5,000.00 to date.

We would like to thank the West Bridgewater School Committee, Dr. Ronald Pacy and all school officials for their assistance in allowing us to use school facilities this past year.

To all senior citizens, townspeople, businesses and organizations who continually support our efforts, thank you.

To all of the volunteers who have donated their precious time totaling 14,628 volunteer hours , bless you.

Our goal for the coming year is simple. It is to maintain the same level of service ad activities already in place and to find a permanent home for our Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank W. Nelson, Jr., Chairman
Anna Brown, Vice Chairman
Virginia Michael, Secretary
Jacqueline Barber, Treasurer
David Cohen
George Massey
Julio Migliorini
Helen Nelson
Pauline Peterson
Theresa Rize
Lloyd Sears
Irene Willis

REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of the town of West Bridgewater, as your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging, we are pleased to present this report of the Area Agency's activities for 1994.

The Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging is responsible for administering Title III funds under the Older Americans Act. This federal funding enables the Area Agency on Aging to address the needs of elders in twenty-three communities in southeastern Massachusetts. Through the combined efforts of the local Councils on Aging, community service agencies and the Area Agency on Aging, Title III funds are used to develop and support a broad range of in-home and community-based elder services.

During fiscal year 1994, almost 13,000 elders in the region received in excess of 300,000 units of service, ranging from home-delivered meals to transportation services through the program. These services were provided through more than twenty local and regional social support programs and twenty-five Title III supported nutrition sites. The following service programs were funded in 1994 by the Area Agency on Aging:

- Senior center services
- Mental health assessment and counseling
- Homemaker, personal care and home health aid services
- Social day care/respice services
- Congregate and home-delivered meals
- Support services for deaf and/or blind elders
- Transportation services
- Emergency/crisis assistance
- Chore services
- Legal services
- Nursing home ombudsman service

The Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee plays a vital role in the development and support of elder service programs in the area. The Advisory Committee, consisting of representatives from each of the 23 communities served, assists the Area Agency on Aging with assessing elder service needs, establishing funding priorities and selecting subgrantees to provide Title III services. The support and cooperation of the local communities and Advisory Committee is acknowledged with gratitude by the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging.

The Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging meets regularly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Hanson Senior Center/Library.

Respectfully submitted,

David Cohen, AAA Delegate
Pauline Peterson, AAA Alternate

REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES

1994 saw a reduction in the number of applications for direct financial aid, but a further increase in the number and scope of inquiries regarding available programs.

The town was reimbursed \$16,268 by the Commonwealth in 1994, but the lag between expense and repayment is still close to twelve months. A change in the method of payment for medical expenses will reduce the town's current outlay when the new system is fully implemented. This reduction should be reflected by the end of 1995.

It is anticipated that requests for assistance with federal and state forms will continue to increase with the aging of the World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Gulf War veteran population, while it is hoped that the world situation will not bring us a new generation of combat veterans.

Respectfully submitted,
Armen Amerigian, Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF SELF HELP INCORPORATED

Self Help, Inc., is greater Brockton's and Attleboro's anti-poverty agency dedicated to improving the quality of life of limited income individuals and families, and making all segments of the community responsive to the needs of the limited income, disadvantaged and minority populations.

During the program year ending September 30, 1994, Self Help received a total funding of approximately \$9.6M and provided direct services to 43,436 limited income households in the area.

In the town of West Bridgewater, 600 households received direct services totaling \$73,221 during the program year 1994.

The total funding of \$9,634,409 does not tell the real value of human services delivered to the area as a whole. Self Help's funding enabled us to mobilize an additional \$2,388,738 of other community resources such as contributions from the towns, volunteers, donation of space, and private donations. The gross value of SHI during the past program year was \$12,283,371.

Self Help currently employs 225 individuals, many of whom are of limited income and minorities.

We feel that October 1, 1993, through September 30, 1994, was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many limited income individuals as we did, despite the uncertainties and decreases in funding we experienced. We thank all the volunteers, Board of Selectmen and their representative to our Board of Directors, Frederick Watson, III, for helping to make our year a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Ulysses G. Shelton, Jr., Executive Director

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The West Bridgewater Public Library has had an exciting year in 1994. Data entry of the book and periodical collection has been the priority for the year. The staff has worked diligently during the year entering a total of 21,172 items into the system. There are approximately 10,000 items yet to enter, and the system will be ready for circulation before Annual Town meeting. The passage of a Special Town Warrant for \$3840 assisted the effort to complete data entry.

The advantages of going on-line with ABLE are many. One million books and periodicals will be available from 24 public libraries and several school libraries to answer patron needs. Clerical tasks such as checking books in and out, overdue calculations, and reports will be automated. Placing reserves on circulating materials will be able to be

handled directly by the patron.

ABLE is making progress in its efforts to merge with the Fall River area computer consortium called SEAL. The idea of shared services is still in the early stages.

The Eastern Mass. Regional Library Services Co-operative through the Bridgewater Subregion has provided this library with five-day-a-week pick-up and delivery service now that the library is a member of an automated system. The increase from three days a week to five days a week is a boon to the patrons as they will receive requested materials faster.

Four ceiling fans were installed in November as a result of a Special Town Warrant to help reduce heating and cooling bills and to bring more comfort to patrons.

Janet McChord resigned her position, and Anita Barton has been hired as the new Head of Circulation.

The Friends of the Library held their Book and Bake Sale in May. The Friends have led three free distributions of paperback books to the students in the elementary grades through the National Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program. This is the sixth continuous year the program has been active in the town thanks to the efforts of the Friends. The Friends funded a museum pass to the Museum of Fine Arts available for check out from the library.

The WeeBee Walkers Club has planted a garden by the side door area of the grounds to enhance the landscaping. The library appreciates their generosity in continuing to attend to the plantings.

The library has well served the needs of the children in the community. The library has housed the W.B. Community School Pre-School on Monday and Wednesday morning since October for 12 children under the leadership of Susan O'Connell. Their usual home in the elementary schools is unavailable because of reconstruction.

Since October the fifth and sixth graders from the Spring Street School accompanied by school librarian, Joan Keating, have visited the library daily at 8:30 and 9:15 a.m. As their school library is dismantled due to the school renovation.

Chris Altieri-Palmieri, the Children's Librarian, has presented a full complement of children's programming throughout the year. The library has had sessions of story hours through four seasons for toddlers ages 18 months to three years and regular story hours for children ages three to five years in sessions lasting from six to eight weeks. The winter book club called "Readasaurus" appealed to 37 participants who were awarded books, dinosaur calendars, a pizza party, and a presentation by Diane Edgecomb. Diane shared her collection of fossils, a seven foot tall dinosaur pop-out book she wrote and created herself, and told stories about dinosaurs to the fascinated children.

Summer Library Camp, led by substitute Children's Librarian, Lauren Berard, was held for 25 children ages 5-9 who participated in hatching butterflies, arts and crafts, a karate demonstration, care of a horse and horseback riding demonstration, field day

sports and awards, and storytelling. The ice cream sundae party with perennial favorite Dollee the Clown was held at the conclusion of Camp and the summer book club in August.

The summer reading club members participated in "Ticket-to-Read" for children ages 3-12. The most books read by a participant were 46 books.

Holiday craft sessions were presented in December for children ages 3-7 years. The children stamped holiday cards, stenciled Christmas tree ornaments, and laced and decorated Christmas stockings.

The library thanks the dedicated volunteers and Friends who have freely given their time to assist and lead library programs. The library gratefully acknowledges the support given by the townspeople, donors, the library staff, and the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Roll Smith, Library Director

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Honorable Selectmen, elected officials, appointed officials and residents of West Bridgewater, it is our pleasure to present you with the annual report from the Board of Trustees.

We have had a very active year as a small town library, and have started, as well as completed, many goals and projects. But none of these could have materialized without the support provided from the community.

Educated individuals know that a library is an important asset to the community. History has shown that institutions such as schools and libraries are the first to be targeted before a Country or a Civilization loses its freedom to tyranny.

As stated in the Massachusetts Library Trustees Handbook (p. 28):

"Public Libraries play a unique role in the preservation of Democracy by providing an open, non-judgmental institution where individuals can pursue their interests and gain an understanding of diverse opinions".

"Trustees have an obligation to assure that the public library provides readers with a variety of materials representing a continuum of viewpoints, liberal, conservative and middle of the road, regardless of special interest pressure groups".

As a public library, we are here to serve the needs of everyone without prejudice. This is your library. We welcome you to come and enrich your lives with what it has to offer.

The library is fortunate to have a highly motivated and dedicated staff that deserve recognition, beginning with Beth Roll Smith, Library Director; Anita Barton, Head of Circulation; Chris Altieri-Palmieri, Children's Librarian; Susan Dailey, Head of Technical Services; Clydette Lothrop, Bookkeeper; Lydia Casselle, Stack Monitor; and Dolores Lobris, Circulation Assistant. The Trustees applaud their efforts and dedication.

Because of the support from the town in approving an increased budget the library has kept its certification and has also been able to improve and provide better service. With continued support residents can be assured of a library they will be proud to say is theirs.

Following is a brief summary of some of the library's community involvement, accomplishments, and goals.

Because of the reconstruction of the schools, the fifth and sixth graders have no library facilities. With the efforts of the Trustees, the Library Director and School Principal, Joyce Francis, a plan was implemented to accommodate these classes at the West Bridgewater Public Library during this time of need.

The library is also accommodating the "community Education Program for Preschoolers" until the school reconstruction project is completed.

The Meeting room has been available and put to use on a regular basis by the following committees and organizations: Finance Committee, Cable TV Committee, West Bridgewater Cultural Council, Howard Trustees, Concerned Parents Group, Adult reading and book discussion group headed by Joy VanPelt, the Girl Scouts adult leaders and also elected officials for use to meet with their constituents.

Because of Special Article #13 (\$3,8400.00) which was approved at a Special Town Meeting, the library is nearing completion of processing its catalog files with the Automated Bristol Library Exchange (ABLE) data base. As of December 31, 1994, employees completed 21,272 entries into the ABLE system. (Approximately two thirds of the collection.) We expect to be on line with ABLE by the time the Town Report goes to print. At this time, library patrons will be issued ABLE computerized library cards giving them access to the ABLE Network consisting of 24 libraries in the Bridgewater Subregion with a collection of over 1,000,000 (One Million) volumes.

Special Article #14 (\$2,500.00) was approved for ceiling fans. We were fortunate to get the fans installed for \$1,425.00 which was considerably less than appropriated. This allows \$1,075.00 to be given back to the town.

At a Special Town Meeting the residents approved returning a sum of \$10,000.00 to the library's book budget, which had been previously cut from the original budget. This appropriation along with money from trust funds and gifts enabled the library to meet the required book purchases to be certified by the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners.

The library and the Friends of the library with the leadership of Mariann Lorrain have been able to continue the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) program. This is a program

where volunteers distribute books at no cost to grades 1 through 5. Funding for this program comes from the West Bridgewater Cultural Council, the Federal Government, and Friends of the library. Distribution is done three times a year and a fourth time where students are able to get together to swap books. The major portion of the funding for this program comes from the Friends of the library who raise money through book and bake sales. Residents wishing to get involved in Friends of the library can do so by contacting the library at (508) 583-2067.

During 1994, the Board of Trustees and Library Director produced a five year plan as part of the "Small Libraries Planning Process". This plan is mandated by the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners in order to be eligible for future grants. The plan has been submitted to the MBLC and is also on file at the library for viewing. The West Bridgewater Public Library will attempt to fulfill the goals and objectives set forth in the plan.

Last and most importantly of all the Board of Trustees would like to thank the staff, all the volunteers Friends of the library, patrons, residents and elected officials who have given their support., It is because of you this institution of democracy and freedom exists and will continue to flourish for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Sullivan, Chairman
James L. Grandfield, Vice Chairman
Rita M. Fontinha, Secretary
Barbara A. Roulstone
Elizabeth G. Turner
Joanna E. Savage

REPORT OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER CULTURAL COUNCIL

The West Bridgewater Cultural Council continues to disburse funds to individuals, groups and organizations that enrich our lives through the arts and sciences. It has been the philosophy of the Council to award funds for a variety of artistic endeavors not just within the town but to those artists and institutions patronized by the citizens of West Bridgewater. Thus funds were awarded to the Fuller Art Museum, Brockton Symphony Orchestra, Childrens Museum in Easton, the West Bridgewater Jr./Sr. High School, Mrs. Woods 8th grade to the North Shore Music Theater and Mrs. Salvadore's 7th grade to the Museum of Science, Boston. In addition 75 elementary school students will attend the theater to see the "Pied Piper of Hamlin".

Also awarded funds to assist with their undertakings were: The West Bridgewater Public Library, the Friends of the West Bridgewater Public Library to support the Reading is Fundamental program, the West Bridgewater Parks and Recreation Depart-

ment for a summer concert, the West Bridgewater Cultural Council for the historical quilt.

The Cultural Council sponsored an Open House on June 6, 1994. Those present expressed appreciation for the support and assistance given by the Council to their various projects.

The Council wishes to thank Sandra White for her six years of dedication to the Council. This year the Council will lose three more members to term expirations leaving three active members. Needless to say, the Council is actively recruiting volunteers. If the Council ceases to exist the program it sponsors will no longer provide nourishment to the soul.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia T. Michael, Chairperson
Rita Broman, Secretary
Robert Kellogg, Treasurer
Mike Feresten
Beth Roll Smith
Helen Woods

REPORT OF THE HANDICAPPED COMMISSION

For the past six month the Handicapped Commission has been functioning with only one (1) member. Most of the municipal facilities have been visually appraised, this includes buildings, green spaces, parking areas and traffic patterns.

There are major building renovations and proposed building changes underway which will include adaptations and changes for handicapped usage. It is the less noticeable adaptations which now must be undertaken. These would include visual and auditory alarm systems, curb cuts and pedestrian crossing lights, parking spaces and signage and communication devices.

Any municipal services required by a disabled individual will be provided. All that is necessary is a brief phone call to the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia T. Michael, Chairperson

REPORT OF THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

County Extension programs are carried on through Plymouth County in cooperation with UMASS-Amherst and the United States Department of Agriculture. The Cooperative Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Education programs focus on water quality, horticulture, agriculture, 4-H youth and family development and nutrition education. Volunteer advisory groups work with staff on developing specific programs. Local citizens, appointed by the County Commissioners, serve as a direct link with the University of Massachusetts. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with people and communities through workshops, conferences, field demonstrations, technical assistance, newspaper articles, radio and television. Publications such as regular newsletters and booklets, factsheets and home study courses bring information directly to those who need it.

In Plymouth County, the Cooperative Extension outreach office is located on High Street, Hanson. In Southeastern Massachusetts regional programs are conducted in cooperation with the Barnstable County Cooperative Extension Program. Satellite offices of UMASS Cooperative Extension are located in Bristol and Norfolk Counties. UMASS Cooperative Extension all operates the Cranberry Experiment Research Station, located in Wareham. The Cooperative Extension office (Hanson) is open 8:30-4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Currently the county field staff consists of a County Director, two 4-H Youth Development Specialists, a Nutrition/Family Development Specialist, and a Landscape/Nursery Specialist. A federally funded Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program which has been active in Plymouth County since 1969, is run under the auspices of Cooperative Extension. Currently, one supervisor and two outreach educators work in this program conducting a UMASS nutrition education certificate course. A three-year Water Quality Grant was received this past year for work in the Taunton River Watershed Connections Project. For more detailed information on the County Cooperative Extension program, contact the county office at Box 658, Hanson, MA 02341, (617) 293-3541 or 447-5946.

PROGRAM OUTREACH - During the last 12 months County Cooperative Extension agents conducted 510 educational outreach programs.

CABLE TV - One hundred cable TV shows "Extension News & Notes" have been produced by Plymouth County Cooperative Extension. All but 3 Plymouth County towns use this half-hour Cooperative Extension cable TV program in their weekly community access channel, reaching over 100,000 households. Extensions's free video lending library lists over 125 popular titles for home viewing for residents.

RADIO - Every Sunday morning at 8:10 am on WBET (Brockton), Cooperative Extension staff present a 15 minute broadcast on upcoming programs and timely educational topics.

NEWSLETTERS - Cooperative Extension publishes fifteen newsletters in the area on Natural resources/Agriculture/Nutrition for residents and commercial growers. A master list of these is available from the County Extension Office.

FACTSHEETS - Cooperative Extension has numerous fact sheets available to

the public. Multiple copies of the order form "150 Most Popular Tip Sheets" are distributed routinely to libraries, town halls and local cooperating agencies. Current research in the areas of landscape, horticulture, nutrition and youth and family development are included.

SERVICES - The County Cooperative Extension office has information and instruction forms to have your soil tested. UMASS Cooperative Extension Soil Analysis Lab tests for soil pH and complete soil analysis. Pressure gauge tests for home canners are conducted at the County Extension office.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS - A wide variety of teacher training workshops, lectures and on-site field demonstrations are conducted. 200 key county agencies receive a monthly mailing listing local Cooperative Extension activities.

AFFILIATIONS - 4-H Farley Outdoor Education Center is a non-profit regional ACA accredited camp run by a Board of Directors representing 4-H in SE Massachusetts. Information on this facility can be obtained from the Plymouth County Cooperative Extension office.

ADVISORY BOARD(S) AND TRUSTEES: Some key groups that oversee the work of Cooperative Extension are as follows:

Board of Trustees: Plymouth County Cooperative Extension programs and budget are reviewed by a nine member Board. They are appointed by Plymouth County Commissioners. Members serving in 1994 were:

County Commissioner, Robert Stone - Whitman	
John Burnett, Jr. - Whitman	William Remes - Carver
Joseph "Mal" Denly - Brockton	Matthew Striggles, - Bridgewater
Valerie Dennehy - Kingston	Lenore Swanson - Plympton
Edward Nicolas - Plymouth	John Weckbacher - Abington

County 4-H Advisory & Leaders Council: The active county 4-H program looks to a 10 member advisory group to assist with fund-raising, program reviews and promotion. They are appointed by the Plymouth County Board of Trustees.

Chairman, Janice Strojny - Middleboro	
Pat Schembari - Hanover	
Lindsay Blake - Duxbury	Deborah Simonis - Brockton
Nancy Joy - Halifax	Chuck Smith - E.Bridgewater
Donna Murphy - Middleboro	Virginia Sybertz Middleboro
Linda Ransom - Hanson	Debra Theriault - Middleboro

Town Directors: M.G.L. Ch.128 outlines the Cooperative Extension System functions. It allows for Town Directors to serve in the capacity as a local liaison. These towns contribute additional funds to assist Cooperative Extension programs. Annual Cooperative Extension reports are published in their town documents. Directors are:

James Franey - Abington	Richard Wyman - Bridgewater
Dorothy Angley - Carver	Lindsay Blake - Duxbury
Ed Smith - East Bridgewater	Russell Sturtevant - Halifax
Leander B. Nicols - Hanover	Robert Haviland - Hingham
Jean Catto - Lakeville	TBA - Kingston
John North - Marshfield	James Archer - Marion

David Blanchard - Middleboro	E. Dana Cashin - Norwell
Brian Baragwanath - Pembroke	Edward Kierstead - Plympton
Georgia Chamberlain - Rochester	Jerrilyn Quinlan - Scituate
Clifford Carlson - West Bridgewater	Leon Millett, Jr. - Whitman

Members of the County Staff:

Mary M. McBrady, County Extension Director
Marjore A. Mahoney, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development
Robert O. Mott, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development
Mary "Liz" O'Donoghue, Ext. Specialist, Nutrition & Family Development
Deborah C. Swanson, Extension Specialist, Landscape & Nursery
Betty Ann Francis, Head Administrative Clerk

Staff funded by Federal or State Program Grants:

Andrea B. Gulezian, Nutrition Education Program Supervisor
Agnes Smith, Extension Specialist, Special Program Coordinator
Maria Pique, Nutrition Educator
Joyce Rose, Nutrition Educator
Faith Burbank, Extension Specialist, Water Quality
Anita Sprague, Senior Clerk
Betsy Fisher, Special Project Temporary Clerk, Water Quality (part-time)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. McBrady, County Director

REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the following is a report of the nature and the status of the litigation in which the Town of West Bridgewater had been involved or is currently involved as of the date of this report:

Building Inspector of Town of West Bridgewater

v.

Marie Lacerda and Dennis Lacerda

This is an action brought in the Superior Court by the Building Inspector to enjoin the defendants from using their premises in violation of the Town's Zoning By-laws. A preliminary injunction was granted to the Town, and a trail on the merits is still pending.

Town of West Bridgewater

v.

Joseph Galvin

This is a complaint brought by the Town in the Plymouth County Superior Court seeking to obtain damages from the defendant with respect to a defective ladder truck sold by him to the Town. The case is pending trial.

Gerald J. Kelleher, Raymond A. Mucci and Maxwell Andelman

v.

Town of West Bridgewater

This is an action brought by the plaintiffs in the Plymouth County Superior Court seeking additional damages for a taking by the Town of their land by eminent domain for the purpose of public water supply. This case is pending trial.

Steven D. Crawford

v.

A. & E. Realty Trust and Victor Guerreiro

This is a complaint brought in the Superior Court by the Town's Building Inspector to obtain a preliminary injunction ordering the defendants to comply with the Town's Zoning By-laws and with the State Building Code. This case is pending hearing in the Superior Court.

Steven D. Crawford

v.

Board of Appeals of the Town of West Bridgewater

This is an action brought in the Superior Court by appealing the constructive granting of a permit alleged to have been earlier denied by the Building Inspector. The case is pending trial.

Steven D. Crawford

v.

Gregory Johnson

This is an action brought in the Superior Court by the Building Inspector to

enjoin the defendant from using his property to store construction equipment. A preliminary injunction was granted to the Town, and a trial on the merits is pending.

Steven D. Crawford

v.

C & L Realty Trust, Paul Colandrea and Richard Leonard

This is a complaint brought by the Building Inspector to enjoin the defendants from using their premises in violation of the Town's Zoning By-laws. A trial on the merits is still pending.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Lee, Town Counsel

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SELECTMAN

In Memoriam
for 1994 we honor:

*Ernest Peterson, Building Inspector
and all those who served the Town
who are no longer with us.*

**In Memoriam
for 1995 we honor:**

HAROLD J. MORSE, SCHOOL CUSTODIAN
GORDON K. ROSS, SR., FIREFIGHTER AND CUSTODIAN
EMMET MILLER, CUSTODIAN

LOUISE MARY ASACK, SCHOOL CAFETERIA

JOHN B. SILLARS, ELECTION WARDEN, STREET LIGHT COM.

CLINTON P. HOWARD, SR., DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

SAMUEL FEINBERG, COUNCIL ON AGING

BRADFORD E. HERRICK, SR., FIRE DEPARTMENT LIEUTENANT
AND ALL OTHER DECEASED EMPLOYEES,
VOLUNTEERS AND RESIDENTS.

DEDICATION:

THE 1995 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT IS DEDICATED TO ALL
TOWN EMPLOYEES, PAST AND PRESENT,
WHO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE
TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
WITH DEDICATION AND PRIDE.

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OFFICERS and COMMITTEES

of the Town of

WEST BRIDGEWATER

for the year ending December 31

1995

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen hereby submits its 174th Annual Town Report:

The year 1995 brought with it many changes and additions to the Town of West Bridgewater. Richard Freitas ran unopposed and was elected to his second term as selectman in April, and Eldon Moreira retained Chairmanship of the Board at their reorganization shortly thereafter.

With the retirements of Police Officers Leon St. George and Dennis Cahill and a Federal-Funded COPS Initiative grant, the Board of Selectmen appointed three new officers to fill the available vacancies. The new patrolmen are: Daniel Thom, Steven Nelson and Keith Nunes. This left three openings on the roster for Permanent/Intermittent officers and therefore, drawing from an extremely long and well-deserved list of eligible candidates, the Board, after extensive interviews and a very difficult decision, appointed Officers Michael Kominsky, Robert Tuohy and Michael Bunker to these positions left vacant.

The Board appointed the following employees to fill vacancies during 1995: William Kovatis to the Highway Department; Karen Lavin to a clerical position in the Building Inspection Department; Lorraine De Costa, part-time secretary for the Conservation Commission and Jacqueline Croker as the part-time Confidential Secretary in our office. The Board also accepted Mr. Donald Newman, Highway Superintendent's, recommendation for Mr. Thomas Green to be appointed as the new Highway Department Foreman. Also appointed, was Carleen Farrington, to the part-time clerk's position in the Assessor's Office as well as Edward Gardner as an assistant building inspector.

At long last the Senior Site Search Committee on which all three Selectmen sit, found a Town-owned site upon which to erect a Senior Center. A town meeting vote will follow in 1996, transferring control of the School grounds known as the "Bus Pad" fronting the Howard School on West Center Street. Meanwhile, the School Committee graciously voted to lease available space at the newly renovated Spring Street School for the seniors to occupy for at least the next 5 years while plans and construction for the Center materialize.

This year also found a more comfortable traffic flow at the intersection of Manley Street and Route 106, with the installation of a long sought traffic light. This was made possible by the joint efforts of the Board of Selectmen, State Representatives and Local Businesses. The Selectmen wish to publicly extend their thanks to the Business Community which funded the engineering work needed for this project.

Last year (1994), the Board supported a proposal to solve Town Hall building deterioration problems, departmental space needs and ADA compliance issues by acquiring a recently vacated office building in the center of Town. When that proposal was defeated by the voters, the Selectmen regrouped in their strategy to solve these problems. A local group volunteered to mark the parking lot at the Town Hall, designating appropriate ADA parking spaces.

During the summer months of 1995, the Board was faced with a series of serious dog complaints. We had to order a dog be destroyed in one instance, and several removed from another property. It is hard for this Board to make a decision such as this, for no matter what is decided, it effects all. The critical factor that we, as a Board, take into account in these cases is the public safety of the residents in Town.

Also, during the very busy year, we found ourselves being approached by a development firm, looking to place a major retail store in the Shaw's Plaza, at the north end of Town, complete with traffic reconfiguration along Route 28 and renovations to the entire shopping complex. These plans are still actively moving forward, but as with any major development, it takes time.

The Selectmen were honored this year with being presented the official plaque, honoring West Bridgewater as Tree City USA, which proudly hangs in the Town Hall. You will notice as you enter our Town, that Tree City USA signs now grace the sides of the road.

In addition to all of this, our office continues to be the Local Licensing Authority and Appointing Authority. The Board represents the Town of West Bridgewater in connection with the activities of the Old Colony Planning Council, Brockton Area Transit Authority, Plymouth County Advisory Board, Plymouth County Selectmen's Association and the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association. In April, Richard Freitas was again appointed to the volunteer position of Parking Clerk. The Selectmen also contribute a great deal of their time to volunteer projects such as Beautification Committee and the Stars and Stripes, the Memorial and Veterans Day celebration and many other activities.

The Selectmen, once again, wish to commend our Administrative Assistant, Beth Faricy. As our liaison to the community and the many employees, boards and commissions that serve the Town, she has the responsibility of getting our votes and messages out and to meet the needs and wishes of this Board. She is also responsible for keeping this Board informed of the day to day business that keeps our office running smoothly. She works countless hours and has shown dedication above and beyond the call of duty.

We wish also to thank our Confidential Secretary, Donna M. Moore and new Assistant Confidential Secretary, Jacqueline D. Croker for keeping our office organized. We know the paperwork is sometimes overwhelming, but still, they manage to keep it all in place.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDON F. MOREIRA, CHAIRMAN
RICHARD J. FREITAS, CLERK
JUDITH A. KINNEY, MEMBER

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS 1995

	Elected	Term Expires
MODERATOR		
Warren E. Turner	1995	1996
TOWN CLERK		
Marion L. Leonard	1994	1997
SELECTMEN		
Eldon F. Moreira	1993	1996
Judith A. Kinney	1994	1997
Richard J. Freitas	1995	1998
ASSESSORS		
Irving W. Puffer	1993	1996
Fred R. Adams	1995	1997
DeSales Heath	1995	1998
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY		
James L. Grandfield	1993	1996
Barbara Roulstone	1993	1996
Rita Fontinha	1994	1997
Robert Sullivan	1994	1997
Anthony J. Kinehan	1995	1998
Susan Cross	1995	1998
REGIONAL-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
Eugene Kostecki	1994	1998
SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
Linda S. Santry	1993	1996
Jeffrey P. Russell	1993	1996
R. Linn Peterson	1994	1997
David Gill	1994	1997
Mark K. Burley	1995	1998
Jerry D. Lawrence	1995	1998
WATER COMMISSIONERS		
John W. Noyes	1993	1996
Donald G. Asack	1994	1997
David L. Churchill	1995	1998
TREE WARDEN		
Christopher D. Iannitelli	1995	1998

CONSTABLES

Raymond L. Silva	1995	1998
Walter Thayer	1995	1998

BOARD OF HEALTH

Sandra Asack	1993	1996
Edward F. Cruz	1994	1997
Marie T. Bagley	1995	1998

PLANNING BOARD

Hugh Hurley	1991	1996
Gerald Stetson	1992	1997
Grete Bohannon	1993	1998
James Henderson	1994	1999
Howard Anderson	1995	2000

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Joan K. Johnson	1991	1996
Raymund Rogers (State Appointee)	1992	1997
Richard C. Williams (Resigned)	1993	1998
Richard J. Freitas	1994	1999
John Cruz	1993	1998

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Elizabeth D. Faricy

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Marilyn Gordon

ADMINISTRATOR OF INSURANCE

Elizabeth D. Faricy

Ronald W. Pacy

BOARD OF APPEALS

William E. Lucini	1991	1996
George O. Merritt	1992	1997
Lars (Gary) Eliasson	1993	1998
Michael D. Feresten	1994	1999
Associate Members:		
James Henderson	1993	1998
John DeCosta, Jr.	1994	1999

BAY CIRCUIT GREEN BELT COMMITTEE

Howard Hayward, Rep.

Conservation Commission

Historical Commission

BROCKTON AREA MENTAL HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE

Vacant

BROCKTON AREA RETARDATION REPRESENTATIVE

Vacant

BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Richard J. Freitas, Designee

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Steven D. Crawford

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR

Edward Gardner

BUILDING NEEDS AND USE COMMITTEE

Richard J. Freitas	1995	1999
Thomas Dunlevy	1995	1999
Jodi-Lynne Cruz	1995	1999
Michael Centrella	1995	1999
William Bystrom	1995	1999

BY-LAW STUDY COMMITTEE

Not Reappointed

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Peter Turner	1993	1996
Michael D. Feresten	1993	1996
Edward H. Patenaude	1994	1997
Richard Domingos	1994	1997
Julio Miglierini	1995	1998
Donald Miller	1995	1998

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Elizabeth D. Faricy

COMPUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Frederick Baker, Jr.
 Robert Kellogg
 Warren E. Turner, Ex-officio
 Venison Turner
 Francis Mahoney
 Charles G. Pye, III

CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

Donna Moore

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Joseph Souza	1993	1996
Howard Hayward	1993	1996
Ann Fagan	1994	1997
James Lorrain	1995	1998
Peter Bergstrom	1995	1998

COUNCIL ON AGING

George Massey	1993	1996
Virginia T. Michael	1993	1996
Julio Miglierini (Resigned)	1993	1996
Jacqueline Barber	1993	1996
Pauline Peterson	1993	1996
Anna E. Brown	1994	1997
Irene Willis	1994	1997
David J. Cohen	1994	1997
Lloyd Sears	1995	1998
Frank Nelson	1995	1998
Helen Nelson	1995	1998

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Lisa Companeschi	1995	1998
Kathleen Massey	1995	1998
Linda Kurinkas	1995	1998
Lorraine Mardo	1995	1998
Robert Kellogg	1994	1996

DOG OFFICER

Julie Vivace

DRURY BELL COMMITTEE

Richard J. Freitas	Eldon F. Moreira	Judith A. Kinney
	Vacancy	

FENCE VIEWERS

Joseph Souza	Harold Hallberg	Hugh Hurley
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FIELD DRIVERS

George Kinney	George Richardson	Howard Anderson
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FINANCE COMMITTEE - BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON

Elizabeth D. Faricy

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Leonard T. Hunt

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADHOC STUDY COMMITTEE

Paul Gonyea
James Rocha

Gary Keith

Steven DeLuca
Leonard T. Hunt (ex-officio)

HANDICAPPED ACCESS COMMITTEE

Virginia T. Michael

Kevan Sullivan
Grace Bjorklund

Bruce Holmquist

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

Leonard T. Hunt

HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

S. Erick Benson
Raymund Rogers

Phyllis Bickford
Gary Keith

Ronald Broman
Paul Golder

HERITAGE CAPSULE CUSTODIANS

Joan McAndrew	1995	1998
Vacancy	1994	1997
Vacancy	1993	1996

HERRING WARDEN

Thomas B. MacQuinn Donald E. Jenness, Sr., Deputy Joseph Souza, Deputy

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Gilbert Robery	1993	1996
Jodi Lynne Cruz	1994	1997
Christopher Werner	1994	1997
Vacancy	1994	1997
John Newell	1995	1998

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Samuel Read	1991	1996
David L. Churchill	1992	1997
Robert DeMarino	1993	1998
Lars (Gary) Eliasson	1992	1997
Vacancy		2001
Advisory Committee:		
Vacancy		2000
Vacancy		2000

LOCKUP KEEPER

Walter Thayer

MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE

Robert Splitz

Michael Feresten

Michael Centrella

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

Judith A. Kinney
Bruce Holmquist

Marion Leonard

Richard McMahon
Robert Kominsky

MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

Robert McKean	1993	1996
Charles R. Barros	1994	1997
Irene Churchill	1995	1998
Kathleen Norville	1994	1997

O.C.P.C. AREA AGENCY ON AGING

David Cohen, Delegate Pauline Peterson, Alternate

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate	1995	1998
Vacancy		1995

OLD COLONY OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Vacancy

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Donald E. Newman, Delegate Richard J. Freitas, Alternate

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES, INC.

Joan K. Johnson, Delegate Mary D. Keylor, Alternate
George Massey, Alternate

OLD COLONY SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Vacancy

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Howard M. Hayward

PARKING CLERK

Richard J. Freitas

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL DESIGNEE

Eldon F. Moreira

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD DESIGNEE

Eldon F. Moreira

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

Joseph Donovan

POLICE CHIEF
Howard R. Anderson

PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT
Christopher D. Iannitelli 1995 1998

RECREATION COMMISSION
Inactive

RECYCLING COMMITTEE
John S. Newell, III

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
Janet Merritt 1993 1996
Francis J. Boyd 1994 1997
Marion L. Leonard 1994 1997
Anna E. Brown 1995 1998

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
Herbert A. Wolfer

SENIOR SITE SEARCH COMMITTEE
David J. Cohen Anna E. Brown Howard R. Anderson
Frank W. Nelson, Jr. Joan K. Johnson Richard J. Freitas
Lloyd Sears Eldon F. Moreira Elizabeth Faricy

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS
Donald E. Newman

TENNIS COURT COMMITTEE
Marianne Lorray Kevin Kelley Ethel T. Fisher, Honorary

TOWN COUNCIL
John P. Lee, Esquire

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE
Thomas B. MacQuinn Christopher D. Iannitelli
Keith R. Hahl George Kinney

TOWN PARK COMMITTEE
Bruce Holmquist Marian MacDonald Christopher Iannitelli
Christopher Werner Jerry Lawrence Jac MacDonald

TREASURER/COLLECTOR
John G. Duggan

VETERANS AGENT

Armen Amerigian

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL

Richard Krugger, Jr.

WIRING INSPECTOR

Albert K. Greiner

ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR

Albert M. Greiner

**STATISTICS
OF THE
TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER**

1995 - TOWN CENSUS - 6518

PRECINCT ONE

Republican
490

Democrat
442

Unenrolled
1145

PRECINCT TWO

Republican
350

Democrat
426

Libertarian
3

Unenrolled
1136

Total Voters
3992

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESIDENCES - 2429

Area of Town - 15.75 square miles

62 miles of Water Mains

Local Road Mileage - 70

Councillor - Second District
Kelly A. Timilty

Senator in General Court
William R. Keating

Representative in General Court - Tenth Plymouth District

Christine E. Canavan

1996

Annual Town Meeting - June 10, 1996

Annual Town Election - April 13, 1996

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joanna Savage
Paul Sheedy

Marion Loughman

Michael Manugian
Henry Bishop

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Raymond L. Silva

John B. Sillars (Deceased) Arthur Steptoe (Deceased)

Robert L. Kellie

John Daly (Deceased)

BUSINESSMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO BY-LAW STUDY COMMITTEE

Irene Churchill
Walter Thayer

Merton Ouderkirk

Paul Colandrea
John Peterson

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Steven Evans	1995	1998
Kevin Kelley (Resigned)	1994	1996
Robert L. Smith	1993	1996
William D. Pope	1994	1997
Eileen M. Flaherty	1994	1997
Jodi-Lynne Cruz	1994	1997
Patricia Linskog (Resigned)	1994	1996
M. Lynne Tartaglia	1993	1996
Richard Heath	1995	1998

MODERATORS COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL RESTORATION

William Pope
Richard Freitas
Jeffrey Russell

John F. Bottini, Jr.
Sonja Bolmant

Warren Sederberg
David Gill
Victor Flaherty

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Howard A. Anderson

Richard Anderson

BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICIAN

Dr. Brian Blanchette

BURIAL AGENTS

Marion L. Leonard

Nancy L. Morrison

Bruce Holmquist

APPOINTMENTS BY THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Richard W. Gibson

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Paul R. Lanoue

Michael D. St. George

Gerald E. Stetson

Richard W. Gibson

Paul Golder

Allen A. Breer

James J. Rocha

Thomas Dunlevy

SPECIAL ELECTION - MARCH 18, 1995

A Special Election was held at the Howard/Spring Street School on Saturday, March 18, 1995. The Warrant was issued by the Selectmen, and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva in accordance with the Town's By-laws.

Specimen ballots, cards of instructions and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth.

The polls were opened at 9:00 AM as required by the Town's By-laws. The ballot boxes in both precincts were inspected and the registers showed a zero total. A total of 3,000 ballots were given to the Wardens Bruce Holmquist and Joseph Kameese.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 PM, the voting machines showed 1617 had voted.

The following workers were sworn in:

Precinct 1. Bruce Holmquist, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Barbara Tufts, Pamela Humphreys, Joan McAndrew, Irene Willis, Checkers; George Merritt, Claire Davock, Kevan Sullivan, tally.

Precinct 2. Joseph Kameese, Warden; Marie Cruz, Clerk; Lois Flaherty, Janet Beaulieu, Meredith Lightfoot, Sandra Kominsky, Checkers; Anna Brown, JoAnn Sillars, Steve Hasomeris, tally.

Ryan Kincade and Jake Chiasson assisted in setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The results were as follows:

Question:

Shall the Town of West Bridgewater be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to finance acquisition of the so-called Willowbrook Estate for a new town hall and for other municipal purposes, and for remodeling, reconstruction or making extraordinary repairs to the acquired buildings, including original equipment, landscaping, paving and other site improvements and related architectural services?

YES - 317 NO - 1300
QUESTION WAS DEFEATED

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:
Marion L. Leonard, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 27, 1995

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Warren E. Turner in the auditorium of West Bridgewater Junior-Senior High School at 7:30 p.m.

With 108 qualified voters and six guests present, the meeting proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for acquisition of the so-called Willowbrook estate, consisting of approximately 9.13 acres located at 35 East Center Street, for a new town hall and for other municipal purposes, and for remodeling, reconstruction or making extraordinary repairs to the acquired buildings, including original equipment, landscaping and other site improvements and related architectural services; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a breathalyzer for the Police Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from available funds in the benefits budget (9100) the sum of \$6,675.00 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and equip a breathalyzer for the Police Department.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund for the first and second year of a Collective Bargaining Agreement for members of the Clerical Unit or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from available funds in the benefits budget (9100) the sum of \$6,000. to fund the first and second year of a collective bargaining agreement for members of the clerical unit.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the first and second year of a collective bargaining agreement for members of the Fire Department or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from available funds in the benefits budget (9100) the sum of \$15,852. to fund the collective bargaining agreements with the town for members of the Firefighters Association for FY94 and FY95.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a Bucket Truck for the Forestry and Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a Street Sweeper for the Highway Department or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 7. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:42 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION APRIL 15, 1995

The Annual Town Election was held at the Howard/Spring Street School on Saturday, April 15, 1995. The Warrant, issued by the Selectmen, was posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of the Town.

Specimen ballots, cards of instructions and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 9:00 AM as required by the by-laws of the Town. The ballot boxes in both precincts were inspected and the registers were at 0000. A total of 3,000 ballots were given to the Wardens, Bruce Holmquist and Paul McMahon, and receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 PM, the voting machines showed a total of 1458 votes cast.

The following workers were sworn in:

Precinct 1. Bruce Holmquist, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Barbara Tufts, Marilyn Raleigh, Helen Johnson, Irene Willis, Checkers; Karolyn Boyd, Janet Merritt, Counters; Claire Davock, George Merritt, Tally.

Precinct 2. Paul McMahon, Warden; George Richardson, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Lois Flaherty, Francis Diebel, Jr., Meredith Lightfoot, Barbara Tufts, Checkers; Barbara Roulstone, Pamela Humphreys, Counters; Joann Sillars, Robert Kellie, Tally.

Ryan Kincade and Jake Chiasson assisted in setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The results were as follows:

MODERATOR, 1 year	Vote for one	# of Votes
Warren E. Turner		707
Joseph H. Kameese		679
Blanks		72

Warren E. Turner Declared Elected

SELECTMAN, 3 years	Vote for one	
Richard J. Freitas		1063
Blanks		395

Richard J. Freitas Declared Elected

ASSESSOR, 3 years	Vote for one	
DeSales J. Heath		1030
Blanks		428

DeSales J. Heath Declared Elected

ASSESSOR, 2 years	Vote for one	
Fred R. Adams		996
Blanks		462

Fred R. Adams Declared Elected

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3 years	Vote for two	
Anthony Kinahan		132
Susan Cross		121
Diane McMullen		56
Blanks		2616

Anthony Kinahan and Susan Cross Declared Elected

WATER COMMISSIONER, 3 years	Vote for one	
David L. Churchill		1006
Blanks		452

David L. Churchill Declared Elected

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 3 years Vote for two

Mark K. Burley	726
Jonathan Asker	460
Chalmer Bumpus	423
Jerry Dean Lawrence	508
Donna Petronelli	421
Blanks	378

Mark K. Burley and Jerry Dean Lawrence Declared Elected

BOARD OF HEALTH, 3 years Vote for one

Marie T. Bagley	735
Hiram M. Jones	455
Blanks	268

Marie T. Bagley Declared Elected

PLANNING BOARD, 5 years Vote for one

Howard A. Anderson	1066
Blanks	392

Howard A. Anderson Declared Elected

HOUSING AUTHORITY, 5 years Vote for one

John F. Cruz	940
Blanks	518

John F. Cruz Declared Elected

HOUSING AUTHORITY, 4 years Vote for one

Richard J. Freitas	937
Blanks	521

Richard J. Freitas Declared Elected

CONSTABLE, 3 years Vote for two

Raymond L. Silva	733
Walter L. Thayer	980
William A. Geary	470
Blanks	733

Raymond L. Silva and Walter L. Thayer Declared Elected

TREE WARDEN, 3 years Vote for one

Christopher D. Iannitelli	1212
Blanks	246

Christopher D. Iannitelli Declared Elected

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:
 Marion L. Leonard
 Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 5, 1995 - 7:45 P.M.

WEST BRIDGEWATER JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on May 19, 1995.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Warren E. Turner in the gymnasium of West Bridgewater Jr.-Sr. High School at 7:45 PM.

With 608 qualified voters and 31 guests present, the meeting proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 1995, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$117,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR COMMITTED EXPENDITURES THROUGH JUNE 30, 1995:

FROM:	Interest on LONG-TERM DEBT	22,000.00
	Interest on SHORT-TERM DEBT	12,000.00
	BENEFITS	<u>83,000.00</u>
		<u>\$117,000.00</u>
TO:	POLICE DEPT.	15,000.00
	FIRE DEPT.	20,000.00
	SCHOOL DEPT.	42,000.00
	TOWN COUNSEL	20,000.00
	HIGHWAY ADMIN. & MAINT.	<u>20,000.00</u>
		<u>\$117,000.00</u>

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay old bills for FY94 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a Street Sweeper for the Highway Department or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER \$40,000.00 FROM THE

FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A STREET SWEEPER FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

FROM:

SNOW REMOVAL	\$32,000.00
INT. ON SHORT-TERM DEBT	<u>8,000.00</u>
	\$40,000.00

AND TO EMPOWER THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO DISPOSE OF ONE (1) OLD STREET SWEEPER IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.

UPON COUNTED VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY, 287-YES; 125-NO.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a Bucket Truck for the Forestry and Fire Department and empower the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one (1) old bucket truck in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 5. To transact any other business which may legally come before the Meeting.

UPON VOTE, MOTION TO ADJOURN, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday - JUNE 5, 1995 - 7:30 P.M.

WEST BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on May 24, 1995.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Warren E. Turner in the gymnasium of West Bridgewater High School at 8:30 P.M.

With 608 qualified voters and 31 guests present, the meeting proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To hear reports of all Town Officers and act thereon.

MOVE: THAT THE REPORTS OF ALL TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN THE 1994 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1995.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1995:

Moderator	Tree Warden
Board of Selectmen	Board of Assessors
Town Clerk	Water Commissioners

The following Officers to serve without pay:

Library Trustees	School Committee
Planning Board	

or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE SALARIES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1995 BE SET AT:

MODERATOR -	\$ 235.00	TREE WARDEN -	\$ 1,082.00
SELECTMEN -	\$ 7,280.00	ASSESSORS -	\$ 7,396.00
TOWN CLERK -	\$30,000.00	WATER COMM. -	\$ 5,120.00
BD. OF HEALTH -	\$ 1,740.00		

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS TO SERVE WITHOUT PAY: LIBRARY TRUSTEES, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, PLANNING BOARD

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1995 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$10,845,454 FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE TOWN AND OTHER USUAL OR NECESSARY TOWN CHARGES AS HEREIN SPECIFIED AND REQUESTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1995, FOR THE PURPOSES HEREIN DESCRIBED AND FURTHER THAT THE SUM OF \$10,176,836 BE RAISED

AND THE SUM OF \$668,618 BE TRANSFERRED AS FOLLOWS:

From Water Estimated Revenues to:	
Water Dept.	544,956
From Emergency Medical Services Receipts to:	
Emergency Med. Serv. Budget	110,000
From Conservation Wetland Protection Fund to:	
Conservation Commission Budget	1,800
From Free Cash certified as of July 1, 1994 to:	
Debt Principal	11,862

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO ACT ON ARTICLE 19 AT THIS TIME PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Social Day Care Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$29,180.00 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING'S SOCIAL DAY CARE PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO BE EXPENDED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES. THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE EXPENDED FROM SUCH FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 1996 SHALL NOT EXCEED \$29,180.00 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Nutrition Program to be used by the Council to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$15,000.00 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REVOLVING FUND FOR RECEIPTS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING FROM THE OPERATION OF ITS NUTRITION PROGRAM, SUCH FUND TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL ON

AGING TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES NEEDED TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO BE EXPENDED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES. THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE EXPENDED FROM SUCH FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 1996 SHALL NOT EXCEED \$15,000.00 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION MADE TO RECONSIDER ARTICLE 19. UPON VOTE IT WAS DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for the purchase of books and materials for said library and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$2,000.00 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REVOLVING FUND FOR RECEIPTS RECEIVED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY FROM FINES AND FEES, SUCH FUND TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS FOR SAID LIBRARY AND TO BE EXPENDED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR. THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE EXPENDED FROM SUCH FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 1996 SHALL NOT EXCEED \$2,000.00 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AD THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase removable skid units for use in fire fighting vehicles.

MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION

UPON VOTE, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (WITHOUT ACTION).

MOTION TO RECESS AT 10:55 PM PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. TOWN MEETING WILL RESUME TOMORROW EVENING, JUNE 6, 1995 AT 7:30 PM.

Moderator Warren E. Turner called the recessed session of the annual town meeting to order on June 6, 1995 at 7:30 PM.

With 159 qualified voters present, the meeting proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of

Selectmen to replace/update radio equipment in the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM "FREE CASH" THE SUM OF \$6,500.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO REPLACE/UPDATE RADIO EQUIPMENT IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 10.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and install the necessary computer equipment for the Fire Department to be used in the E911 system compatible with the Police Department's system, to be fully activated by the Town in FY96 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM "FREE CASH" THE SUM OF \$3,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL THE NECESSARY COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BE USED IN THE E911 SYSTEM COMPATIBLE WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S SYSTEM, TO BE FULLY ACTIVATED BY THE TOWN IN FY96.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 11.To see whether or not the Town will vote that the Town of West Bridgewater, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 4A may participate in an unmanned ambulance agreement with its surrounding towns or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ENTER INTO AN UNMANNED AMBULANCE AGREEMENT WITH ITS SURROUNDING TOWNS PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 40, SECTION 4A.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 12.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase one semi-automatic defibrillator to be used in providing emergency medical services for the Town of West Bridgewater residents or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM "FREE CASH" THE SUM OF \$8,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE ONE SEMI-AUTOMATIC DEFIBRILLATOR TO BE USED IN PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER RESIDENTS.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 13.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of

Selectmen for rental costs of a bucket truck to be used by the Fire Department and Forestry Department or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTED TO TRANSFER FROM "FREE CASH" THE SUM OF \$4,500.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR RENTAL COSTS OF A BUCKET TRUCK TO BE USED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Assessors to conduct the Town's triennial re-evaluation of all properties within the Town or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM "FREE CASH" THE SUM OF \$45,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS TO CONDUCT THE TOWN'S TRIENNIAL RE-EVALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWN.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Revolving Fund for the Police Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM "FREE CASH" THE SUM OF \$2,000.00 TO BE ADDED TO THE POLICE DETAIL REVOLVING FUND FOR THE PREPAYMENT OF POLICE DETAILS.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase one (1) new cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one (1) older cruiser in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM "FREE CASH" THE SUM OF \$20,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE ONE (1) NEW CRUISER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO DISPOSE OF ONE (1) OLDER CRUISER IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and install an in-house computer system for the Police Department or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$45,000.00

TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL AN IN-HOUSE COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to repair or replace the boiler in the Town Hall building or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$30,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO REPAIR OR REPLACE THE BOILER IN THE TOWN HALL BUILDING.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town of West Bridgewater will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by deleting therefrom in its entirety Article XL "Mobile Home Parks — Rent Control and Discontinuance of Parks," said By-Law having been adopted in a Special Town Meeting on June 15, 1992.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE TOWN BY-LAWS BY DELETING THEREFROM IN ITS ENTIRETY ARTICLE XL "MOBILE HOME PARKS- RENT CONTROL AND DISCONTINUANCE OF PARKS," SAID BY-LAW HAVING BEEN ADOPTED IN A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ON JUNE 15, 1992.

UPON VOICE VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY (This article was acted upon out of order, after Art. 4, June 5, 1995).

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the codified Zoning By-Law for the Town of West Bridgewater, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to expand the membership of the Municipal Buildings Needs and Use Committee as established by Article 33 at the Annual Town Meeting of April 8, 1985 from five members appointed for staggering terms to 9 members whose membership should include Town residents knowledgeable in building design, construction and maintenance procedures. This committee will report annually to the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting as to the condition, recommended use and needs of municipal buildings.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS NEEDS AND USE COMMITTEE AS ESTABLISHED BY ARTICLE 33 OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF APRIL 8, 1985 FROM FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED FOR STAGGERING TERMS TO 9 MEMBERS WHOSE MEMBERSHIP SHOULD INCLUDE TOWN RESIDENTS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN BUILDING DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES.

THIS COMMITTEE WILL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND TOWN MEETING AS TO THE CONDITION, RECOMMENDED USE AND NEEDS OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to add to a Stabilization Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM "FREE CASH" THE SUM OF \$20,000.00 TO ADD TO A STABILIZATION FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 40, SECTION 5B.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement, to meet the State's share of the cost of work for State-aid construction and maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, Sections 22 to 24, a way known as Marisa Drive, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, approved by the Planning Board, said layout having been filed with the Town Clerk pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Section 23 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 82, SECTIONS 22 TO 24, A WAY KNOWN AS MARISA DRIVE, AS LAID OUT BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, APPROVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD, SAID LAYOUT HAVING BEEN FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK PURSUANT TO THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 82, SECTION 23.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase water meters and related reading equipment or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM WATER REVENUE THE SUM OF \$15,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE WATER METERS AND RELATED READING EQUIPMENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase computer equipment, software, plotters, training and related equipment to be used in conjunction with the Board of Assessors' Mapping System.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM WATER REVENUE THE SUM OF \$10,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, PLOTTERS, TRAINING AND RELATED EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS' MAPPING SYSTEM.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase water mains, hydrants, fill, labor and materials to make water main taps, and any other materials required to complete the replacement of an old 2" water main on Oliver Street with an 8" or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM WATER REVENUE THE SUM OF \$5,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE WATER MAINS, HYDRANTS, FILL, LABOR AND MATERIALS TO MAKE WATER MAIN TAPS, AND ANY OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE REPLACEMENT OF AN OLD 2" WATER MAIN ON OLIVER STREET WITH AN 8".

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be earmarked for a maintenance project known as Water Tank Painting, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM WATER REVENUE THE SUM OF \$20,000.00 TO BE EARMARKED FOR A MAINTENANCE PROJECT KNOWN AS WATER TANK PAINTING.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to establish an enterprise accounting system by accepting Chapter 44, Section 53F 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws to be used in the accounting and reporting of the water department's revenues and expenses and take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to construct a building and equip it with pumps, meters, tanks, con-

trols, and any other equipment to be used in a corrosion control treatment program. The work to be carried out by a combination of Town employees, general contractors and subcontractors in the best interest of the Town.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM WATER REVENUE THE SUM OF \$40,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS TO CONSTRUCT A BUILDING AND EQUIP IT WITH PUMPS, METERS, TANKS, CONTROLS, AND ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN A CORROSION CONTROL TREATMENT PROGRAM.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 31. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

UPON VOTE, MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:30 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1995

JANUARY

- 6 Kerianne McSolla William Joseph McSolla & Marylou Mitchell
17 Christine Elizabeth Pedro William Joseph Pedro & Jean Frances White

FEBRUARY

- 1 Antoinette Marie Messina Gary Michael Messina & Roberta Rose Balboni
11 Olivia Nicole Reggio . Andre Nicholas Reggio & Kathleen Margaret McHale
16 Travis Harlow Caffelle Daniel John Caffelle & Nancy Leona Stride
26 Taylor Lee Maloney Charles Milton Maloney & Linnea Kathyryne Mancini
27 Samantha Jean Oakhem William Patrick Oakhem & Valerie Jean Folsom

MARCH

- 9 Rebecca Grace Sass Joseph Philip Sass & Maureen Elizabeth Leondike
12 Joseph Michael Souza Joseph Michael Souza & Donna Marie Burns
14 Meredith Aleigha Wells Erik Christopher Wells & Kathleen Joan Dolan
15 Evan George Maras James Theodore Maras & Janice Eileen Burke
31 Kori Mae DeAngelo Paul Joseph DeAngelo & Katherine Anntoinette Fournier
31 Daniel Allen Smith David M. Smith & Julie Anne Hallett

APRIL

- 27 Anthony Michael Giannelli Michael E. Giannelli & Stacey Ann Radley

MAY

- 2 Robert Scott Carrigan William Curtis Carrigan, Jr. & Kelly Ann Byers
2 Brittany Joy Churchill Mark Edward Churchill & Sandra Lee Williamson
2 Bryan James Souza James Bryan Souza & Terri Ann Orr
3 Jenna Faye Graziano Francis A. Graziano & Maureen M. Bradford
4 Tanner Ryan Hopper Terrance Wayne Hopper & Michelle Marie Pierce
10 Kristin Michaela Harper Stephen Francis Harper & Lisa Ann Garden
13 Zachary Brooks Harris Richard P. Harris & Sherrol L. Perry
30 Courtney Rose Whitman Thomas Brian Whitman & Ellen Louise Higgins

JUNE

- 5 Mark Christian Hamalian Richard Gregory Hamalian & Stacy Lee Dolloff
7 Daniel Nichols Carr Kevin Nichols Carr & Lonnie Marie Tessier
9 Alexandra Grace Niccoli Thomas Alfred Niccoli & Lisa Marie D'Arpino
16 Nicole Michelle Perry Lawrence M. Perry & Tammy L. Harraden
17 Elveera Irene Lacina Kevin F. Lacina & Leah M. Bailey

JULY

- 18 Nathaniel James Junkins Cary Alan Junkins & Cynthia Ann Dugan
20 David Andrew Yeo Warren Lester Yeo & Colette Marie Theriault
31 Helen Rachel Jones George S. Jones, Jr. & Rochelle Belisle

AUGUST

- 11 Lauren Elizabeth Mason Philbrook Samuel Mason, Jr. & Teresa Ann Ohlson
- 14 Mitchell Patrick Manning Michael Manning & Dawn Marie Banta
- 16 Kelsey Rhianna Shea Michael Edward Shea & Joan Frances Slack
- 21 Christopher Ronald Cormier Ronald Edward Cormier, Jr. & Karen Elizabeth Carpenter
- 25 Matthew Joseph Blinn, Jr Matthew Joseph Blinn & Sara Jane Barker
- 29 Ashley Taylor Rendel Christopher Allen Rendel & Jennifer Lee Harrold

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Gambit Xavier Hunt Richard Michael Hunt & Julie Anne Barter
- 5 Sophia Grace Asker Jonathan Wayne Asker & Pippa Denise Maxwell
- 21 Samantha Dorothy Deltufo Stephen Deltufo & Pamela Ann Villa
- 22 Alexandra Grace Wright Howard Rutherford Wright & Beverly Gertrude Butler
- 24 Emma Rose Kincaid James Donovan Kincaid & Eileen Doris Simmons
- 25 Michael Keith Ames Jonathan Clark Ames, Sr. & Lisa Eugenio Eugenio
- 25 Devon Davenport Caine John Joseph Caine & Sheila Ruth Davenport

OCTOBER

- 20 Nicole Catherine Jorritsma Willard Sydney Jorritsma & Lynne Marie Chandler

NOVEMBER

- 5 Victoria Emily Childs Thomas Brent Childs & Heidi Lee Smith

DECEMBER

- 3 Matthew David Niklason David Lee Niklason & Kimberly Jean MacDonald
- 5 Thomas Reid Johnson James Francis Johnson & Barbara Joan Pemberton
- 5 Michael Vincent Stratoti Vincent Joseph Stratoti, II & Susan Marie Niccoli
- 12 Kayla Marie Purcell ... Stephen Edward Purcell & Darlene Ann Brueggeman
- 18 Kathleen Rose Pettinato Jonathan Josef Pettinato, Sr. & Michelle Marie Goyette
- 27 Mark John Mascheri John Michael Mascheri & Linda Colette Talbot

LATE 1994 RECORDED BIRTHS

NOVEMBER

- 23 Jacquelyn Anne Foley John Raymond Foley & Christine Ann Dorley
- 27 Ginamarie Ghizari Peter Thomas Ghizari, Jr & Katherine Mary Black

DECEMBER

- 4 Michael Bradford Smith Bradford Curtis Smith, Jr. & Mandy Ellen Hallinan
- 21 Danielle Nichole Whalen Mark Richard Whalen & Christina Ruby Ober
- 24 Haley Noel Pettiglio Stephen Charles Pettiglio & Joan Marie Grady
- 27 Brianne Bethany Dyson Stephen Grant Dyson & Karen Ann Carosi

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1995

JANUARY

- 2 Angie M. Crowe
- 3 Alfred C. Thorpe, Jr.
- 18 Maurice Roland Barrett
- 19 Harold J. Morse
- 24 Katherine M. Jennette
- 28 Florence Elizabeth Anderson
- 31 Janet Ruth McElroy

FEBRUARY

- 6 Helen M. Hutton
- 9 Bertha Amerigian
- 9 Louis A. D'Amore
- 19 Dorothy Marie Ellis
- 20 Kenneth E. Ballum

MARCH

- 10 Janet Bergeron
- 10 Alice Genevieve Jewett
- 14 Richard H. Green
- 29 Robert Ernest White

APRIL

- 8 Elizabeth Baker
- 14 Arthur William Steptoe
- 24 Gordon Kenneth Ross, Sr.
- 30 Bruce Edward Crowell
- 30 Grace S. Hovagimian

MAY

- 8 Timothy Ronald Boudreau
- 14 Louise Mary Asack
- 14 Emmet Miller
- 22 Bruna (Ann) B. Varisco
- 23 Beatrice Payne
- 26 Francis X. MacHardy

JUNE

- 2 Alfreda Krachukoski
- 9 Herbert Monahan
- 11 John Bradley Sillars
- 11 Mary Catherine Wengers
- 13 Kiu Phuong Bang
- 24 Virginia Marie Bibby

JULY

- 2 Ruth A. Brooks
- 2 Lois Eldridge MacGibbon
- 3 Lulu Almquist
- 3 Genevieve Louise Holmes
- 6 Thomas L. Whitney
- 11 Virginia Dellamano

AUGUST

- 22 Ida MacLeod
- 28 Michael Langer

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Joyce Anita Reed
- 21 Clinton P. Howard, Sr.
- 23 Arthur Shaw Bergman
- 27 Mary A. Ticchi

OCTOBER

- 10 Lawrence E. Marshall
- 14 Mary L. MacHardy
- 30 Cynthia G. Asack

NOVEMBER

- 5 Roy James Wright
- 15 Florence Evelyn Rolfe
- 28 Henry Carine

DECEMBER

- 9 Daniel Edward Murad
- 13 Ralph Noel Renaud
- 14 Patricia Langer
- 17 Samuel Feinberg

1994 LATE RECORDED DEATHS

DECEMBER

- 31 Bradford E. Herrick, Sr.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

TRUST FUNDS	Balance as of 6/30/94	Interest Earned	Funds Expended	Balance as of 6/30/95
Cemeteries				
Pleasant Hill	3,874.14	172.63		4,046.77
Pine Hill	5,628.34	219.89		5,848.23
Town Cemeteries	12,223.97	502.84		12,726.81
Library Trust Funds				
#1	15,215.80	628.78	<25.98>	15,818.60
#2	6,331.19	261.60	<420.24>	6,172.55
#3	14,656.98	605.71		15,262.69
#4	15,741.15	620.09		16,361.24
Gladys Cole				
Library Fund	11,026.97	481.41		11,508.38
Curtis Memorial				
Library Fund	5,796.64	87.98	750.00	5,134.62
W.J. & A.C. Howard				
Scholarship Fund	5,954.48	217.43	500.00	5,671.91
Drury Bell Fund				
General Fund				
Scholarship	969.14	37.79		1,006.93
Stabilization	291.74	5.07		296.81

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Duggan
Treasurer-Collector

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Tax Collector's Report for Fiscal Year 1995

Year	Outstanding 6/30/94	Commitment	Abatement	Refunds	Tax Liens	Collections	Outstanding 6/30/95
Motor Vehicle Excise							
1988	9,936.01					<336.98>	9,599.03
1989	18,828.77					<416.88>	18,411.89
1990	12,079.29					<507.92>	11,571.37
1991	12,417.95					<1,228.24>	11,189.71
1992	12,060.27		<32.50>	41.25		<3,892.23>	8,176.79
1993	15,415.73	2,004.00	<413.47>	1,046.78		<11,455.32>	6,597.72
1994	34,350.34	179,858.02	<11,676.18>	5,664.31		<203,220.46>	4,976.03
1995	0.00	528,927.45	<9,318.34>	2,210.66		<499,115.49>	22,704.28
Total	115,088.36	710,789.47		21,440.49		<720,173.52>	93,226.82
Personal Property Taxes							
1991	16,374.32					<3,419.22>	12,955.10
1992	15,641.91					<4,088.69>	11,553.22
1993	17,762.18		<59.53>	59.53		<1,621.85>	16,140.33
1994	34,053.28		<2,130.36>			<9,588.71>	22,334.21
1995	0.00	377,108.82		292.64		<335,778.07>	41,623.39
Total	83,831.69	377,108.82	<2,190.29>	352.57		<354,496.54>	104,606.25
Real Estate Taxes							
1988	8,497.31					<881.66>	7,615.65
1989	6,167.58					<899.58>	5,268.00
1990	2,453.35			8,673.70		<10,538.89>	588.16
1991	5,959.69					<1,598.36>	4,361.33
1992	26,683.98			341.45		<3,386.54>	22,579.99
1993	248,923.05		<1,858.72>	10,262.20		<126,008.13>	131,318.40
1994	556,398.26		<52,894.21>	46,774.01		<369,593.71>	180,684.35
1995	0.00	6,604,655.91	<106,013.09>	40,662.21		<6,090,926.74>	448,378.29
Total	855,065.22	6,604,655.91	<160,766.02>	106,713.57		<6,603,833.61>	800,794.17

Water Use Charges

1994	61,396.09	231,234.89	<9,043.79>	14,881.14
1993 & Prior	120,832.54		<177.67>	47,634.42
Penalties/1990	1,966.54		<100.00>	1,025.00
1995	0.00	240,150.97	<766.10>	45,294.86
Total	184,195.17	471,385.86	<10,087.56>	108,835.42

Water Liens Receivables

1986	244.00			244.00
1987	985.00			985.00
1988	443.51			443.51
1989	0.00			0.00
1990	6,381.47			6,381.47
Total	8,053.98			8,053.98

Interest And Charges Collected

Real Estate	125,972.59
Motor Vehicles	21,361.41
Water	6,597.75
Total	153,931.75

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS
Combined Balance Sheet -- All Fund Types and Account Group
June 30, 1995

	Governmental Fund Types		Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Totals	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust	General Long Term Debt	Memorandum Only			
ASSETS										
Cash and cash investments	\$1,594,076	\$163,146	\$ 594,686	\$ 214,030	\$ 99,870	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,665,808		
Receivables:										
Property taxes & excise (net of allowance for abatements)	1,256,198	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,256,198		
Departmental	147,717	-	-	125,850	-	-	-	273,567		
Fixed assets	-	-	-	669,000	-	-	-	669,000		
Amount to be provided for the retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,843,000	1,843,000		
Other assets	-	-	-	-	83	-	-	83		
Total Assets	<u>\$2,997,991</u>	<u>\$163,146</u>	<u>\$ 594,686</u>	<u>\$1,008,880</u>	<u>\$ 99,953</u>	<u>\$1,843,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,707,656</u>			
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY										
Liabilities:										
Warrants payable	\$ 820,454	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 834,052		
Deferred revenues	1,359,458	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,359,458		
Bond anticipation notes	-	-	4,376,000	-	-	-	-	4,376,000		
General obligation bonds payable	-	-	-	669,000	-	-	-	669,000		
Other liabilities	89,802	-	-	-	-	-	-	89,802		
Total Liabilities	<u>2,269,714</u>	<u>13,598</u>	<u>4,376,000</u>	<u>669,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,843,000</u>	<u>9,171,312</u>			
Fund Equity:										
Reserved for encumbrances	147,209	-	-	119,660	-	-	-	266,869		
Reserved for expenditures	120,862	1,958	-	-	-	-	-	122,820		
Reserved for endowment	-	-	-	-	84,368	-	-	84,368		
Unreserved	460,206	147,590	(3,781,314)	-	15,585	-	-	(3,157,933)		
Retained Earnings	728,277	149,548	(3,781,314)	339,880	99,953	-	-	220,220		
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,365,554</u>	<u>149,548</u>	<u>(3,781,314)</u>	<u>339,880</u>	<u>99,953</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,463,656)</u>			
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$2,997,991</u>	<u>\$163,146</u>	<u>\$ 594,686</u>	<u>\$1,008,880</u>	<u>\$ 99,953</u>	<u>\$1,843,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,707,656</u>			

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in fund Balance -

All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 1995

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Projects</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u> <u>Expendable</u> <u>Trust Funds</u>	<u>Tot</u> <u>Men</u> <u>On</u>
Revenues:					
Interest and penalties	\$ 147,334	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147,334
Taxes and excises	7,669,206	-	-	-	7,669,206
Departmental	91,460	-	-	-	91,460
Licenses and permits	127,691	-	-	-	127,691
Intergovernmental	1,865,731	326,984	-	-	2,192,715
Charges for services	205,897	324,914	-	-	530,811
Interest earnings	75,994	-	-	3,939	79,933
Fines and forfeitures	163,733	-	-	-	163,733
Miscellaneous	63,861	15,462	-	200	79,523
Total Revenue	10,410,907	667,360	-	4,139	11,082,406
Expenditures:					
General government	1,464,450	117,130	-	1,897	1,583,477
Public Safety	1,766,733	141,140	-	-	1,907,873
Education	5,153,577	361,864	3,279,654	-	8,795,095
Public works	403,689	-	-	-	403,689
Human services	127,015	-	-	-	127,015
Culture and recreation	156,515	-	-	-	156,515
Debt service	376,588	-	-	-	376,588
Intergovernmental	163,630	-	-	-	163,630
Capital outlay	57,464	-	228,175	-	285,639
Total Expenditures	9,669,711	620,134	3,507,829	1,897	13,799,571
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	741,196	47,226	(3,507,829)	2,242	(2,717,176)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating transfers in	-	-	100,000	-	100,000
Operating transfers (out)	(100,000)	-	-	-	(100,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(100,000)	-	100,000	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	641,196	47,226	(3,407,829)	2,242	(2,717,176)
Fund Balance, July 1, 1994	87,081	102,322	(373,485)	13,343	(170,739)
Fund Balance, June 30, 1995	\$ 728,277	\$149,548	\$(3,781,314)	\$ 15,585	\$(2,887,900)

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Statement of Revenues and Other Sources, and Expenditures and Other Uses - Budget and Actual - General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 1995

	Amended <u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues and Other sources:			
Taxes & excises	\$ 7,396,846	\$ 7,568,248	\$171,402
Charges for services	195,500	205,897	10,397
Departmental	91,700	91,460	(240)
Penalty and interest	135,000	147,334	12,334
Licenses and permits	98,111	127,691	29,580
Intergovernmental	1,867,986	1,865,731	(2,255)
Fines and forfeitures	131,100	163,733	32,633
Interest earnings	25,000	75,994	50,994
Miscellaneous	23,734	63,861	40,127
Other sources - free cash	110,000	110,000	-
Total Revenues and Other Sources	<u>10,074,977</u>	<u>10,419,949</u>	<u>344,972</u>
Expenditures and Other Uses			
General Government	1,527,467	1,465,244	62,223
Public safety	1,771,001	1,766,733	4,268
Education	5,246,819	5,244,796	2,023
Public works	428,537	403,689	24,848
Health & human services	136,864	126,468	10,396
Culture & recreation	156,588	156,515	73
Debt service	397,620	376,588	21,032
Intergovernmental	164,459	163,680	779
Articles	88,015	86,027	1,988
Other uses - prior year deposits	57,607	57,607	-
Transfers out	100,000	100,000	-
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>10,074,977</u>	<u>9,947,347</u>	<u>127,630</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 472,602</u>	<u>\$472,602</u>

The notes to the financial statements
are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses
and Changes in Fund Equity
All Proprietary Fund Types and Non-Expendable Trust Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 1995

	Proprietary <u>Fund Type</u>	Fiduciary <u>Fund Type</u>	Total (Memo.
	<u>Enterprise</u>	Non-Expendable <u>Trust Fund</u>	Only)
Operating Revenues:			
Charges for services	\$529,862	\$ -	\$529,862
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>15,741</u>	<u>15,741</u>
Total Revenues	529,862	15,741	545,603
Operating Expenses:			
Personal services	141,388	-	141,388
Non-personal services	268,189	-	268,189
Depreciation	115,000	-	115,000
Capital outlay	<u>18,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,719</u>
Total Expenses	<u>543,296</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>543,296</u>
Net income (loss)	(13,434)	15,741	2,307
Fund Equity, Beginning	<u>353,314</u>	<u>68,627</u>	<u>421,941</u>
Fund Equity, Ending	<u>\$339,880</u>	<u>\$84,368</u>	<u>\$424,248</u>

The notes to the financial statements
are an integral part of this statement.

B. The following is a summary of long-term debt at June 30, 1995 (in thousands of dollars).

	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Date of Maturity</u>	<u>Total Long- Term Debt</u>
Long-Term Debt:					
Inside Debt:					
Howard School roof bonds	\$ 125	6.8%	07/07/88	07/07/96	\$ 20
Police station bonds	650	6.0-6.5	07/01/88	07/01/02	335
School bonds - boiler	143	6.6	08/15/89	08/15/97	45
Library construction bonds	1,600	6.6	08/15/89	08/15/08	1,175
Fire truck	60	4.0	05/18/93	06/09/96	20
Cruiser	15	4.0	05/18/93	06/09/97	7
Ambulance	85	4.0	05/18/93	06/09/97	41
Outside Debt:					
Water bonds	670	6.2	07/01/87	07/01/02	220
Water bonds	52	6.6	08/15/89	08/15/98	22
Water bonds	115	6.6	08/15/89	08/15/08	81
Water bonds - new wells	225	6.6	08/15/89	08/15/08	142
School roof bonds	400	7.2	12/15/89	12/15/99	200
Robbery farm	262	4.0	05/18/93	06/09/93	204
Total All Debt Outstanding					<u><u>\$ 2,512</u></u>

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance

For the Year Ended June 30, 1995

Federal Catalogue Number	Fund Balance 7/1/94	Revenue Recognized		Expenditures		Fund Balance 6/30/95
		Federal	Other	Federal	Other	
U.S. Department of Agriculture Passed Through State Department of Nutrition School lunch program	10.555 \$(8,361)	\$31,449	\$164,882	\$31,449	\$159,909	\$(3,388)
U.S. Department of Education Passed Through State Department of Education						
Title VI B P.L. 94-142	84.027 4,001	65,817	-	66,057	-	3,761
Chapter II ECIA P.L. 97-35	84.151 28	2,632	-	1,288	-	1,372
Chapter I ECIA P.L. 97-35	84.010 3,409	38,121	-	35,356	-	6,174
Eisenhower math/science	84.164 1,134	2,482	-	1,721	-	1,895
Early Childhood	84.024 5,000	-	-	5,000	-	-
Totals - Department of Education	13,572	109,052	-	109,422	-	13,202
Department of Health and Human services Drug Free Schools	13.155 -	4,753	-	4,753	-	-
Department of Treasury	21.300 -	-	-	-	-	-
Total - All Programs	\$ 5,211	\$145,254	\$164,882	\$145,624	\$159,909	\$ 9,814

See independent auditors' report.

REPORT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

(D'Arpino Village)

As another year is coming to a close we are looking forward to the year of 1997, when we will celebrate our 25th birthday...1972—1997...We are proud to be a vital part of the Town of West Bridgewater.

The past year the Board with regrets accepted the resignation of Richard C. Williams, giving him a vote of thanks for the many years he has served and all the assistance given to the authority while on the Board in one capacity or other. Our new sign was dedicated and installed at the entrance to Esther Drive by the Freitas Family in Memory of Jean Freitas a past director who left us for a seat on that heavenly Board of Directors.

I am happy to say we weathered the snow storms of the past winter in great shape due to our new snow removal equipment and the extra man hours of labor. Like the peeping crocuses we are eagerly looking forward to spring.

Housing for the Elderly and affordable Units are still in a critical stage. More of the same is definitely needed, as our waiting lists keep enlarging. The Board of Directors is constantly working on obtaining more of the same.

Once again our thanks go to the Board of Selectmen...the fire and police departments...High-way and Town Clerks Office for all the assistance they have afforded us in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert M. Greiner, Executive Director
Raymund S. Rogers, Chairman & State Rep.
John Cruz, Vice Chairman
Joan K. Johnson, Treasurer

REPORT OF CABLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE

The Cable Television Committee was relatively inactive this year. The local programming studio located at the Howard Farm Marketplace has been operating well. Volunteers are bringing Selectmen, Committee, and Town Meetings to people's homes. Other organizations in town, such as churches and clubs, are exploring the use of local programming.

Number of cable television subscribers in West Bridgewater as of December 31, 1995: 1,823.

Julio Miglierini, Chairman
Mike Feresten
Don Miller
Peter Turner
Richard Domingos
Ed Patenaude

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Report of the Board of Assessors to the Honorable Board of Selectman and the residents of the Town of West Bridgewater. We the members of the Board of Assessors submit our annual report.

The mapping program is nearing completion. We are awaiting the arrival of the hardware and software for the digitized mapping system so that we may begin our computer training.

The Board of Assessors appreciates the expert assistance received from the Computer Study Committee and Marilyn Gordon - Town Accountant.

An "open house" was held at the West Bridgewater Public Library on October 17, 1995 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on October 24, 1995 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The public was invited to review the new tax maps prepared by East Coast Mapping. The mapping company had representatives present to answer questions. The open house was well attended.

The cyclical inspection recommended by the Department of Revenue has started in our community. The program calls for an inspection of the interior and exterior of all residential properties. The purpose of the program is to update the information we have in our office.

A short video presentation explaining the details was prepared by the office staff and presented to the public by Continental Cablevision through the local cable channel.

The years building permits reflect conservative activity in new residential "starts" and also in home additions and improvement. The town, however, should gain some additional growth from the industrial/commercial "starts" of the past year.

The Board of Assessors wish to extend our thanks to Assistant Assessor Jeanne Russo and Carleen Farrington for their help during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Irving Puffer - Chair
DeSales Heath - Clerk
Fred Adams - Member

COMMUNITY TELEVISION ANNUAL REPORT

Municipal Meeting Coverage

Working with community volunteers, both Continental Cablevision Program Directors Brad MacPherson and Brian Liss (each in their turn), have provided gavel to gavel coverage of all **Selectmen and School Committee meetings** for the town. This vital political information is sent regularly to the community, who can "tune in" to governmental issues from the comfort of their living rooms.

All **Special Town Meetings** were covered in the same way, again for the benefit of our local viewers.

West Bridgewater High School News

This lively, entertaining and informative local program is **produced by Brian Klebash, and his team of high school students**, as often as their busy lives permit. With technical assistance standing by as necessary, our Continental Cablevision Program Directors are proud that this group of young people have pretty well mastered the intricacies of television production. The Enterprise featured Brian in a newspaper article and mentioned his **winning Second Place in a state-wide video contest**.

Almost every week, a new "**WBHS News**" program is put together from the current activities at the High School. Working with faculty supervisor Janice Riccardelli, Brian Klebash and his crew of over 17 students, videotape interviews with educators and students, as well as special school events.

Suit up for the Space Shuttle

1995 started out with a "blast," when in January we visited the Howard-Spring School with a **program from outer space!** To recognize the students of Frank DeMello's fifth grade class who participated in our learning adventure about life support systems in space, and to educate them further, we presented an exciting program.

Along with **State Senator Bill Keating, State Representative Christine Canavan, Jet Pilot Pat Hagan**, some cool T-shirts and lots of space ice-cream, the entire class really enjoyed a fun science lesson. They were riveted to hear from "**Dr. Flush**," a space suit designer who explained about the space shuttle, brought along a real Apollo mission flight suit, and enlightened them about the difficulties the human body endures in space.

Spring Events Coverage

As we wished Brad MacPherson success in his new endeavor, Vicki Carabello stepped in to make sure that the studio was open to the townspeople, and that coverage of municipal meetings continued. Vicki arranged for coverage of the popular "**Prom March**" and the **High School Graduation**. Both events are appreciated

by the families, and are wonderful memories to have recorded for future enjoyment.

War Memorial Park Day

September 10 was a beautiful day to celebrate a beautiful place in West Bridgewater - and a busy one too! With help from the new West Bridgewater Program Director Brian Liss, Vicki Carabello, and other Continental staff members, a production van was on site to capture the sights and sounds of the day for a **2 hour special program**. Volunteers Brian Klebash, Paul Miller and Eric Hohengasser helped to man the cameras while the bands played, the food was served, the puppets performed, and the karate demonstrations were held.

Turnout for the event was great, and we were pleased to be able to help organizers Jerry Lawrence and Frank Micciantono alert the town to this special event by helping to create a **Public Service Announcement** to cablecast for additional publicity.

Fall Events Coverage

The construction and opening of the **Friendship Playground**, a **Civil War Reenactment**, a **tour with the Dept. of Food & Agriculture** of Asack's Turkey Farm and Dana Whitman Greenhouse, and the **Tri-Town Veteran's Day Parade** were all videotaped for the town to enjoy. The parade was also covered live with 3 cameras and a crew of 9 people, in a joint effort with **Continental Cablevision** in **East Bridgewater**.

West Bridgewater Varsity Sports Coverage

Basketball, baseball and football are team sports which bring out the team spirit in community volunteers! With local play-by-play, audio and camera positions in place, (often parents of players), team coverage brings home the video for local sports fans.

Ongoing Programs

Still in production for residents to enjoy, are local programs "**Reasons for Faith**" and Dr. Michael Ward's "**Health Alternatives.**" **Public Service Announcements** have been created for safety issues with **Fire Chief Lenny Hunt**, as well as information about the new railroad and its impact to the town.

We are always looking for local programs to cablecast, and if anyone who lives or works in West Bridgewater is interested, we will train you in the exciting field of television production for **FREE!** Call Brian Liss at 588-0894.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the residents of West Bridgewater, we the members of the Planning Board submit this annual report of our activities for the year 1995.

The Planning Board held twenty three (23) regular meetings throughout the year. There were four (4) approval not required plans (Form A) signed. There were two (2) subdivisions submitted, and three (3) soil removal permits.

The Planning Board made inspections of all on-going subdivisions. Progress is being made in finishing the roads under construction in those subdivisions.

We wish to express our appreciation for the cooperation we have received from all Town Departments in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh R. Hurley, Chairman
Howard A. Anderson, Vice Chairman
Gerald E. Stetson, Clerk
Grete M. Bohannon
James H. Henderson

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS FITTING

To the Honorable Board of Health:

I respectfully submit my annual report as the Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fitting Inspector for the year 1995.

There were 103 Plumbing applications filed for Plumbing permits.

There were 148 Plumbing inspections made in the following types of buildings:

New Dwellings	21
Old Dwellings	61
Commercial Buildings	16
Public Buildings	9
Trailers	<u>1</u>
Total	108

There were 68 Water Heaters installed.

The Massachusetts State Plumbing Code is used as a basis for all plumbing installations.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Donovan
Inspector of Plumbing

REPORT OF CANINE CONTROL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater;

The following is the Report of the Dog Officer for the Canine Control Department for 1995:

Since 1988 this department has been working under severe budget and time restraints. The working hours are now eight a.m. to twelve noon, Monday through Friday. The office is now located in the Town Hall. A vehicle has been provided through the police department and will soon be operational and modified for transporting dogs. Rabies was one of the main concerns residents voiced to this department. Inoculation of dogs and cats and education about wildlife are still the best recommended protection for the transference of rabies into the human population. We all need to understand and have an appreciation for all wild animals and the role they play in the health of the environment. We can not continue to disrupt the natural balance by systematically killing all wildlife to allay our fears of the virus. Rabies will continue to be of concern when handling stray and wild animals and will be handled accordingly. Citizens requests for assistance have been responded to unless equipment or facilities for that particular task are lacking. The town is looking into kennel space to rent. It would be more economically prudent and convenient for citizens if we were to have our own impoundment facility. The budget has enough funding to impound three dogs. On the average, I can pick up over one hundred animals annually. Records are kept of all incoming calls for assistance or information. Animal bites are reported to the Board of Health, lost and found animals are kept on file, late license notices, warnings, fines and related paperwork is being completed. We still have the lowest rate of unlicensed dogs in Plymouth County. I would like to thank the citizens of West Bridgewater who are responsible pet owners, the Classie Lassie Grooming Shop in East Bridgewater for free grooming of dogs, and the West Bridgewater Police Department who have responded to calls for assistance when an animal is involved and I was not on duty.

Julie Vivace
Dog Officer
Canine Control Dept.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

During the year 1995, the Board of Appeals held fifteen (15) hearings. The hearings dealt with the following:

Variance requests dealing with setback	6
Change of zoning requests	0
Sign variances	1
Special permit requests	8

Respectfully submitted,

William Lucini, Chairman
Michael D. Feresten
Walter Thayer
Lars (Gary) Eliasson

George O. Merritt
Associate Members,
John DeCosta, Jr.
James Henderson

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater, the Conservation Commission hereby submits its Annual Report for 1995.

The Conservation Commission has had a very busy year. Some new businesses have come to town such as the Copley HealthCare Partnership on South Main Street; the other health care unit - Continuum Care Corporation in the Cochesett section of town, on West Center Street; and the Conrail project (Amtrak). Chadwick's of Boston has applied for their own treatment plant on United Drive.

The board has also seen a change in personnel with two resignations and two new members coming aboard.

The Commission has issued fourteen Orders of Conditions and eleven Certificates of Compliances, including one Partial Certificate of Compliance.

The new regulations known as the update of Title V has created some problems such as not being able to build on marginal land, but with the new Title V one can put a mounding septic system in.

The Commission wishes to thank the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for their assistance and all the other boards and departments of the town for their continuous help and thoughtfulness so as to make our decisions better for the environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard M. Hayward, Chairman
J. James Lorrain Vice Chairman,
Peter Bergstrom, Anne Fagan
and Joseph Souza

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

I respectfully submit the report of the Inspector of Wires for year ending December 31, 1995.

There was a total of 181 permits filed last year, totaling \$9,801.25 for fees collected.

At this time I would like to express my appreciation to various Town offices and personnel for assistance given to this department.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert K. Greiner, Inspector of Wires
Albert M. Greiner, Assistant Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater:

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 1995.

The Old Colony Planning Council is one of thirteen regional planning agencies in Massachusetts, authorized by state statute to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of their respective regions. OCPC is the only regional planning agency in Massachusetts to be designated as an Area Agency on Aging. In this responsibility, the OCPC manages federal Older Americans Act funding for elder services in the fifteen communities in the Council's regular planning district plus eight additional municipalities that constitute the elderly services planning and service area. The OCPC is also designated as an Economic Development District by the U. S. Secretary of Commerce for coordinating economic development activities within the OCPC District. Lastly, the OCPC is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Transportation and Transit Planning for the region. We are proud to report that the Old Colony Planning Council has the distinction of being the only regional council in New England to hold all of these official designations at the same time.

In addition to the designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of areawide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning assistance, grant application preparation assistance and with information on local and regional trends by maintaining current socio-economic information. Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA.

In 1995, the Council re-elected John G. Mather of Halifax as President of OCPC; Eldon F. Moreira of West Bridgewater as Council Secretary; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Treasurer. Daniel M. Crane serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities, the participation and involvement of the members of the Joint Transportation Committee chaired by Stephen Baker; the Overall Economic Development Committee chaired by Joseph P. Joseph; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee chaired by Christian Schembri. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate
Nancy Bresciani, Alternate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater, as the Chief of Police, I submit my annual report on the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 1995.

One very significant change in the operation of the police department has been the installation of the E911 Emergency Reporting System. This system was implemented through the cooperation of the statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board, NYNEX and the Town of West Bridgewater. Two years of preparatory work was involved by all of the above. The system went on line on September 9, 1995 and all police officers attended training on the operation of E911 before it went on line. It has already shown it's value as both the police department and fire department have been able to respond to emergencies they would not have been able to respond to before, due to hangups by the caller for one reason or another. A reminder to the citizens is you only dial 911. You do not dial the letter E.

The police department received letters from NYNEX and the Statewide Emergency Telecommunication Board commending them for the job that was done in making the town ready for this installation of E911. The implementation was accomplished without adding any personnel and the physical changes made to accommodate the equipment required were done by Southeastern Regional School staff and members of the police department without cost to the town.

The second technological advance that has been beneficial to the police department and it's citizens has been the installation of mobile data terminal computers in the cruisers. The first full year of operation has proven the computers to be a very valuable tool both in apprehensions of wanted persons and officer safety. Through the diligence of Officer Kenneth Bryant and the use of the mobile data terminal computer an arrest was made at a local motel of a fugitive from justice wanted by the United States Department of Justice on federal warrants. The subject was considered armed and dangerous by the Department of Justice, but was apprehended by surprise without violence. A letter of commendation was received from the United States Department of Justice for Officer Bryant, Officer Donald Clark, Officer Keith Nunes and Detective Raymund Rogers for the outstanding efforts made by them in locating the subject and the subsequent investigation and arrest.

The department is now in the process of replacing the old in house computer system which is totally inadequate with a system designed for police safety. This process is possible through money appropriated at the annual town meeting and the award of two separate grants. The process will take several months to implement due to research and the bidding process.

On January 9, 1995 Officer Denis Cahill retired on a disability and was replaced by Officer Daniel Thom. Sergeant Leon St. George retired on August 8, 1995 after serving 32 years as a West Bridgewater Police Officer.

The department received a federal grant to be used for adding a community police officer during 1995 and due to the grant and the retirement of Sgt. St. George, Officers Keith Nunes and Officer Stephen Nelson were appointed to full time positions.

Officer Victor Flahery graduated from the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council's 18 week academy in Canton and Officers Thom and Nelson are attending the same academy at it's Plymouth location at the time of this report. Officer Nunes will attend at a later date.

Three new Permanent Intermittent Officers were appointed by the Board of Selectmen on 11/21/95. The three new officers are Robert Touhy, Michael Bunker and Michael Kominsky. They are involved in volunteer training at this time. Officer Savignano was appointed to the Community Police position and is working on a program for community policing. Any person or group that has ideas on how the police department can help them by setting up programs or attending their meeting please contact Officer Savignano at the police department.

Officer Donald Clark was awarded the Mother Against Drunk Drivers Award (MADD), for the second time in three years. Officer Clark has been among the leaders of officers apprehending drunk drivers consistently through the years.

I would like to thank the members of the police department for their commitment to duty. They top the list of all police departments assigned to the Brockton Court System every year in the number of arrest and complaints taken out, even though the other towns have from almost double to almost four times the population of West Bridgewater. I extend much thanks and appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Administrative Assistant and their secretaries for their year long commitment to assisting the police department to fulfill their goals and obligations. The finance committee deserves praise for the many nights they spend away from their families by volunteering their time to come up with a town wide budget that is fair to the various town departments and fair to the taxpayers.

Last but not least I would like to thank the citizens and voters who have been very supportive of the police department on a yearly basis.

Yours truly,

Howard R. Anderson
Chief

I herewith submit the Annual Report of the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 1995.

LARCENY	185
ARRESTS (TOTAL)	835
PROTECTOR CUSTODY	72
ASSAULT	3
ROBBERIES	5
BREAKS(RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL)	54
RAPES	1
ATTEMPTED RAPES	0
INDECENT ASSAULT & BATTERY	0
OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	40
OPEN & GROSS LEWDNESS	2
CHILD ABUSE	4

MISCELLANEOUS

BUILDINGS FOUND OPEN	31
ASSIST AMBULANCE	112
MENTAL HEALTH	4
ASSIST TO OTHER TOWNS	74
OFFICERS ASSAULTED	15
FIRE CALLS COVERED	10
BOMB SCARES	2
MISSING PERSONS	4
VEHICLES STOLEN	32
VEHICLES RECOVERED	31
UNEXPECTED DEATHS	6
INCAPACITATED PERSONS	72
VANDALISM	40
ALARMS ANSWERED	730
ALARMS ANSWERED (FALSE)	721

TRAFFIC

ACCIDENTS	385
FATALS	0
PROPERTY DAMAGE	288
WITH INJURIES	99

CITATIONS

WARNINGS	459
NON-CRIMINAL	1650
ARREST & COURT	1045
TOTAL CITATIONS	3154

MONIES RECEIVED TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER 1995

PISTOL PERMITS ISSUED	\$2,400
LICENSE TO SELL FIREARMS & AMMUNITION	63
FIREARM IDENTIFICATION CARDS	116
RECEIPTS FROM COPIES OF POLICE REPORT	1,407
PARKING FINES FROM PLYMOUTH COUNTY	5,761.98
FINES FROM BROCKTON DISTRICT COURT	53,768
FINES FROM REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES	81,315
TOTAL FINES COLLECTED	140,844.98
WORK PERMIT ISSUED (SUNDAY & HOLIDAY)	20
10% SURCHARGE COLLECTED FROM OUTSIDE DETAILS	10,977.53

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD R. ANDERSON
CHIEF

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, I herewith submit my seventh annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the year 1995.

Personnel

The personnel of the Fire Department consists of the permanent Chief, One (1) permanent Deputy Chief, One (1) permanent Captain, two (2) permanent Lieutenants, four (4) permanent firefighters, One (1) call Captain, eighteen (18) call firefighters, and two (2) call CHAPLAINS, Rev. William Smith and Fr. Edward McDonagh.

Apparatus

Engine #1, 1978 Hendrickson/Farrar 1250 GPM pumper, Engine #2, 1986 Emergency One/GMC 1000 GPM pumper, Engine #3, 1969 Farrar 750 GPM pumper, Rescue #1, 1994 KME 1250 GPM rescue/pumper, Ladder #1, 1974 Seagrave 100' aerial ladder, Forest Fire's #1 and #2, both 1977 Dodge 4x4's, Ambulance #1, 1993 Ford/Horton, Rescue #2, 1984/76 Chevrolet/ Horton, Fire Alarm truck, 1978 Chevrolet bucket truck used by both the Fire Department and Forestry Department which is presently out of service, Service Truck, 1967 Ford 4x4 pickup which is presently out of service, Chief's vehicle, 1995 Ford 4x4, presently being leased.

Statistical Report

During 1995, the fire department responded to a total of one thousand two hundred and seventy six (1,276) calls. Of this figure, seven hundred and ninety two (792) calls were for the ambulance. During 1995, the ambulance returned over one hundred and fifty three thousand dollars (\$153,000.00) in revenue. Cost of operating the Emergency Medical Services division of the fire department was One hundred and ten thousand (\$110,000.00) dollars.

Training

Training of members of the fire department is becoming a more critical part of our operation on an almost daily basis. Firefighters that are improperly trained become a liability to both themselves and the Town of West Bridgewater. Our two drill instructors, Deputy Chief Richard J. Gibson and Captain Allen A. Breer, do a commendable job in attempting to train both our full time and part time (call) firefighters in the ever changing environments in which they must work. However, this process is becoming more difficult as inexpensive and cost free materials become less and less available.

Along these same lines, I must make mention of the fact that Deputy Chief Richard W. Gibson, competing in a nationwide physical fitness competition called the "Firefighters Combat Challenge", which was held in Tampa, Florida on Jan. 6, 1996, finished eighth (8th) in the nation out of a total of twenty five (25) competitors in his age group. I would like to publicly commend Deputy Chief Gibson for his accomplishment and convey to the townspeople how proud we are of his efforts.

Inspections

All inspections, as required by law, were conducted by members of the fire department in cooperation with the office of Building Inspector Steven Crawford. All townspeople are reminded that when they are either selling or remortgaging their homes they must have installed and operating smoke detectors that have been inspected by the fire department. Remember, properly installed and working smoke detectors are your first line of defense in your home should a fire occur.

Requests and Recommendations

I am again requesting this year that we increase the permanent firefighting force by at least two men. We have the same number of firefighters today that we have had since 1978. Starting in April, we will have the responsibility of protecting a One hundred and fifty seven (157) bed medical care facility on West Center St. This is in addition to the other numerous large scale buildings that have been built in recent years. I do not believe that, with only two firefighters working at any given time, we are adequately staffed to handle a situation of this nature. For years we have been operating this department on overtime. The problem is that when an incident occurs, we are depending on "off duty" firefighters, supplemented by our "call" firefighters, to be available. If they are not available, because of their own personal commitments, then we do not have the sufficient manpower to handle the situation and must rely on assistance from other communities. There is nothing wrong with this concept, but it takes time, and that is normally something that we do not have. I am also requesting the following:

- (1) Replace the two existing "skid" units for our Forest Fire trucks. These units, one of which has been taken out of service, were originally built in the early 70's and are worn out..
- (2) Replace and upgrade our portable electrical equipment. The majority of this equipment is over 25 years old and is no longer explosion proof, making it difficult for us to use in hazardous atmospheres.
- (3) Replace and upgrade hose and fittings. This department has not made a major purchase of hose and fittings since the administration of Chief Edwin T. Gibson. We are presently using hose and nozzle equipment that was purchased as far back as the 1940's.
- (4) Renovate/Upgrade the fire station. I am requesting an appropriation to develop architectural plans and do a feasibility study on upgrading the existing fire station. This building was erected in 1955 and was never designed for the requirements of today's fire departments. I do not advocate an entirely new building or a different location. I believe that with some appropriate renovations, this building will serve us well into the 21st century.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and their administrative assistant and staff for their continued support and assistance to the fire department and emergency medical services. I would also like to express my appreciation to all the other town departments and boards who have worked with this department in the last year. Last, but certainly not least, a sincere thank you to the entire staff of the fire department for their continued expertise in their daily work. As I say every year, you have the finest fire department and emergency medical services department in the area. I, as Chief, have the pleasure of commanding them.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard T. Hunt
Chief

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater;

Residential construction increased significantly this past year. Single family home construction increased by five units this year. The number of additions, alterations, sheds, barns and garages increased also, swimming pool installations more than doubled.

This past spring the planning board informally reviewed an approved subdivision of 163 lots in the north western part of town. If this subdivision will be constructed remains to be seen. A subdivision of half this size would severely hamper this department at its current staffing level.

Commercial and industrial construction continues to follow a strong orderly growth pattern. The number of projects decreased this year along with their size and scope.

The bottom line is we issued more permits, did more work, and turned more money into the general fund than last year.

During the last year I enjoyed the assistance and cooperation of many town citizens as well as all of the town agencies and departments. To those town employees who assist me on a daily basis and take that extra step I am especially thankful for your help, assistance and support.

A special thanks to all of the selectmen for their time and support.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

		Construction Value
Dwellings	23	\$1,893,550.00
Additions and Alterations	44	545,025.00
Swimming Pools	23	105,185.00
Sheds and Garages	18	53,457.00
Demolition	1	.00
Other	14	.00
		\$2,597,217.00

COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION

New Buildings	3	\$ 621,854.00
Additions and Alterations	24	2,933,251.00
Signs	21	.00
Certificate of Inspections	21	.00
		\$3,558,105.00
Total		\$6,155,322.00

Total fees collected & deposited to the General Fund \$ 64,763.78

Respectfully submitted,
Steven D. Crawford
Inspector of Buildings

REPORT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1995.

During the calendar year 1995, a total of two hundred sixty-three (263) measuring devices were sealed. Eighty-nine (89) devices were adjusted. Thirteen (13) devices were marked Not Sealed (as such they cannot be used legally in trade) and thirteen (13) devices were condemned for failure to meet prescribed standards.

The following is a summary of measuring devices inspected and tested:

Scales and Balances

Over 10,000 pounds	1 Sealed
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	5 Sealed 1 Condemned
100 to 5,000 pounds	15 Sealed 5 Adjusted 6 Not Sealed 1 Condemned
Under 100 pounds	50 Sealed 8 Adjusted 2 Not Sealed 2 Condemned

Weights

Avoirdupois	23 Sealed
Metric	15 Sealed
Apothecary	11 Sealed

Liquid Measuring Meters

Gasoline	74 Sealed 66 Adjusted 5 Not Sealed 7 Condemned
Diesel Fuel	10 Sealed 9 Adjusted
Kerosene	1 Sealed 1 Adjusted
Spring Water	3 Sealed

Fabric Measuring Devices

54 Sealed
2 Condemned

Linear Measures

Tape

1 Sealed

The following fees were assessed for the above Inspections:

Sealing Fees	\$2,048.40
Adjusting Fees	390.00
Total Fees	<hr/> \$2,438.40

Of the assessed fees, all were collected and turned in to the Town Treasurer before the end of the calendar year.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and to the personnel in the various Town Offices for their continued cooperation in assisting me in carrying out my assigned duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert A. Wolfer
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

During 1995 there were many inquiries about benefits available to veterans and seventeen people were assisted , in applying for help and information from sources other than the Town. Fortunately, the level of direct cash assistance to veterans has not increased dramatically as we were able to help several veterans in getting other means of financial assistance. The Commonwealth reimbursed the Town \$24,885.56 in 1995, but the lag between expenditure and reimbursement is still twelve to eighteen months.

Respectfully submitted,

Armen Amerigian,
Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF THE FORESTRY & PARKS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The Forestry Department continues its efforts in areas of tree work, park restoration, grounds maintenance and recreation. Listed below are some of the areas in which the department is currently involved:

17 GREENS AT INTERSECTIONS	A 5-ACRE PARK
TOWN HALL AND GAZEBO GROUNDS	7 CEMETERIES
LEGION MEMORIAL BALLFIELDS	TOWN LIBRARY
POLICE/FIRE STATION GROUNDS	TOWN SKATING RINK
SELECTIVE LANDSCAPE PROJECTS	FRIENDSHIP PARK PLAYGROUND
AT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS	

Town greens and lawns are continuously upgraded and monitored for insect and disease problems. During 1995, there were 42 Town trees removed due to disease or public safety.

Poison ivy and hornet/wasp eradication was carried out this past summer for Town residents.

We have continued the process of tree trimming and brush clearing. A 3-foot walking area on each side of every public road is our goal. Residents are urged to call if they have an obstructed area near their home.

The Town no longer has a bucket truck. A private, contracted crane or bucket truck is brought in for large trees. Eastern Edison helps the Town remove any dead trees near wires. This co-op program has been very successful with Edison giving the Town a yearly \$1,000.00 grant for planting new trees. Our Town was also recognized this year as a "Tree City USA" recipient. With the support of local donors, a Arbor Day program was conducted at the Rose L. MacDonald School with all students receiving trees.

I maintain contact with the Department of Environmental Management, Div. of Forest and Shade Trees. With their aid, assessment of gypsy moth severity is carried out.

Plymouth County Mosquito Control was contacted a number of times. Spraying was done at the Town playgrounds, ballfields, park, swamp areas and private homes. Any Town residents can have their yard sprayed in the spring for larvae or during the summer for adult mosquitoes.

I have four (4) funds under my department which I manage and to which I encourage donations:

1. **Stars and Stripes** - includes funds for all Town flags;

2. **Holiday Decoration Fund** - used to supply and upgrade holiday decorations throughout town;
3. **Beautification** - to supply trees, shrubs, flowers, mulch, etc. for all public areas in town;
4. **Gazebo Concert Series Fund** - a fund to pay for the cost of our Summer Concert Series.

War Memorial Park restoration work continues. Many volunteers gave their time planting and maintaining gardens throughout the park. The park was also decorated for the holiday season again this year. All lights, electricity and labor were donated by the efforts of our Park Committee. The Park Restoration Fund, which committee members oversee, covered all expenses. Department vehicles and equipment include:

1968 Chipper	1994 F-350 Ford Dump
1993 Graverly 72" cut Tractor	1995 F-800 Ford Dump
1991 F-150 Ford Pick-up	

An "adopt-an-island" program continues. Six volunteers maintained flower gardens at intersections.

Our third annual Gazebo Concert Series was held in Summer, 1995. Six concerts were presented, free to the public on Monday evenings throughout the summer. Plans are now being made for the 1996 Summer Program. Many thanks go to the area businesses and civic groups that totally sponsored this program.

Friendship Park Playground was built on Saturday, August 26, 1995 with a grand opening ceremony on Sunday, August 27, 1995. Three years of raising \$70,000.00 by a dedicated committee of volunteers made this dream a reality. A tremendous community spirit was alive throughout this process, developing new friendships and giving our children a state of the art, class "A" playground. This department will be responsible for its upkeep and maintenance so that it will be a permanent fixture in Town for years to come.

Our Town Skating Rink continues to get much use. Efforts by many town businesses and organizations donating time and money has made this a success.

As budgets become tighter each year, new ways have to be created to fund projects. To allow the Park, trees or Town properties to decline is not sound for a town that has invested so much in maintaining these things over the years. We always need fresh ideas by employees, townspeople and volunteers to keep things moving forward in a positive direction.

I truly thank all of my co-workers who have helped me over the past year.

Sincerely,

Christopher D. Iannitelli,
Forestry & Parks Superintendent

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Nineteen ninety-five was a year of excitement for the residents of West Bridgewater as we watched the construction and renovation projects of the schools proceed towards completion. The mild winter contributed to the progress of the work at Howard School, and after much work on the part of the Building Committee, architect, contractor and school staff, it was ready for opening in September. Students and staff members had to adapt to changes necessitated by some areas not being completed, but overall everyone was pleased to be in the new building. The completion of Friendship Park between the Howard School and the library gives the town a complex of which to be very proud.

Regrettably, work on the Spring Street School was much slower than planned, necessitating locating the kindergarten and pre-school programs in the High School for the first semester. The school was finished in time to open after the Holiday break to the delight of students and staff. The delay held up the move of the Senior Citizens into the Spring Street School and we regret the problems that this caused them.

Work at the High School continued through the summer and into the school year, giving us new windows, locker rooms, updated restrooms and science labs, and a new elevator. Future renovation to the High School will be necessary, as the budget for this school was limited, but the major areas of concern have been addressed.

Committee Member Nora Bradford announced her retirement from the Committee in order to pursue a Master's Degree, leaving an opening on the Committee to be filled at the April election. Mark Burley was returned to his seat on the Committee and the Committee welcomed new member Jerry Lawrence as a result of the election. Community Evening School Director Kathy McPeck announced her retirement as of July and a new Director, Susan O'Connell was selected. Thanks were extended to Mrs. McPeck for her work serving the Community.

After a request from the Council on Aging and much discussion, the Committee voted to transfer control of an area on West Center Street adjacent to the Howard School, known as the old bus pad, to the town. This area, if approved by the voters, will be the site for a new Multi-Purpose Senior Citizen Center. This is something that has long been needed by the Senior Citizens and we were glad to be able to help. The schools continue to pursue the very best for our children. Business partnerships, staff development, curriculum strengthening and technology grants are all being pursued to provide the best for our children. Budget restrictions make many advancements difficult, but we try to be as creative as possible to see that the students get the education they need to be successful citizens. The support of all town boards and organizations is responsible for much of our success, and we are very appreciative. Working together we will continue to make the West Bridgewater Schools an outstanding place for our children to be educated.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Santry, Chairman

Jeffrey P. Russell, Vice-Chairman

R. Linn Peterson, Clerk

Mark K. Burley; David A. Gill; Jerry D. Lawrence

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In 1995, opportunity knocked on our school house door and West Bridgewater answered with a resounding welcome. Opportunity came in the form of grants and extra funding. A state computer grant for \$27,000 and a town appropriation for \$40,000 funded a state of the art Network Pentium Computer Laboratory at the high school. The high powered computer lab will allow students to work with a variety of sophisticated software, including Oracle software. Through our connection with High Schools/High Skills, a school/business partnership, 18 students are receiving basic training in Oracle software applications. These students participated in a hands on training program with Shaw's Supermarkets in East Bridgewater, Johnson and Johnson's in Raynham and Jordan's Furniture in Avon. These companies are Oracle Software users. Students working with these companies experience direct application of the software and prepare for entry level jobs in industry.

1995 saw the fruition of our major building project initiative. The community, by supporting the debt exclusion override, gave us the opportunity to rebuild the Howard School and Spring Street School, and to make needed repairs at the high school. While construction has been a disrupting experience for students and school people, the outcome has made the experience a positive one. Howard School is a vibrant comfortable learning environment for students. Spring Street School is a place for joyful learning for our pre-schoolers and kindergarten students. It has to be seen to be appreciated. The high school improvements give us a school that is handicap appropriate. The new science labs are spacious and up-to-date. The locker rooms are fully functional. The cafeteria is bright, colorful and comfortable. The new windows are good looking and energy saving. The school has a general face lift.

Money from the town has allowed us to install a modern heating system at Rose L. MacDonald. The new boilers are so efficient that we can expect a buy back of the cost in 3 years. This investment in our school buildings has improved the condition of our buildings for the next 20 years.

Classroom instruction was impacted by opportunities this year as well. The Macro-Block Scheduling at the high school received recognition from the state with a three year grant for more than \$50,000. West Bridgewater's macro schedule is the model for extending time and learning in the state. Many schools have copied our model. This year, we have concentrated our resources on teacher training. Teachers have participated in a variety of training experiences designed to improve student learning. We anticipate that this training will impact positively our student scores on the state assessment tests. The work over the past year has continued our effort to improve the quality of education and to ensure success for all students while maintaining high standards for all.

With this my sixth report, I want to thank the many parents and citizens who have been so helpful to the schools during the past year. In particular, I want to thank the School Building Needs Committee, chaired by Mr. Victor Flaherty, for its diligence and civic wisdom in overseeing the School Building Project. Most importantly, my thanks to our students who, in so many ways, make our job in education so worthwhile. Through our halls walk some of the country's best students.

Ronald W. Pacy
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The year 1995 was one of great physical change at West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School. The district renovation project began at the Middle/Senior High School in March of 1995 and as of October 1, 1995, 438 students were enrolled in grades 7-12.

District renovation brought pre-school and kindergarten classes into our building as well as the offices of the central administration. Construction workers and demolition crews were frequently visible in the hallways during the "project".

Throughout the trials and tribulations of the building project teachers worked diligently to create the best educational opportunities for our students. We were the recipients of still another grant from the Department of Education distinguishing West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School as a model school for "Time and Learning".

At the middle school level a quarterly newsletter was developed and is disseminated to parents. Grade seven students, class of 2000, buried a "time capsule" in the Spring of 1995. The two new middle school science labs were in the final stages of completion.

Several business partnerships have been established at the high school level. The first musical in many years "Godspell" was overwhelmingly received in the spring of 1995. The new pentium computer lab became operational in the Fall of 1995 and our IBM lab was upgraded. Although we have made great strides in providing our students with greater access to technology much still needs to be accomplished.

Through the collaborative efforts of teachers, parents, community members, students and administration West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School is moving into the 21st Century. Our goal continues to be to provide the best educational experiences for **all of our students**.

West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School Council School Personnel:

Dr. Ann M. Papagiotas, Principal (Co-Chair)
Mr. Malcolm Reese, Teacher (Co-Chair)
Ms. Nancy Emord, Teacher
Mr. Alan Weintraub, Teacher

Students:

Ms. Jamie Anderson
Ms. Michelle Holmes

Parents:

Mrs. Lori Mardo
Mrs. April McDermott
Mrs. Louise Andrews
Mrs. Jane Cartier

Community:
Mr. Robert Kenrick
Mr. Jonathan Asker
Mr. Christopher Iannitelli

Middle/Senior - Management Team:

Dr. Ann M. Papagiotas, Principal
Mr. Ronald Broman, Dean of Students
Mrs. Judith Whittemore, Director of Guidance
Ms. Patricia Oakley, Coordinator Math/Science/Fine Arts
Mr. Malcolm Reese, Coordinator of Humanities/Technology
Mr. Stephen Barrett, Director of Athletics & Physical Education
Mr. Edward Sarro, Faculty Senate President

Middle School Team Leaders:

Mr. Robert Woods - Grade 8
Mrs. Tilda Bystrom - Grade 7

Student Advisory Board:

Ms. Michelle Holmes
Ms. Faye DeGeorge

Student Advisory to the School Committee

Brian Ritucci Alison Conroy
Nicole McDermott Chrissy Mardo
Nick Johnson

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Ann M. Papagiotas, Principal
Mr. Ronald C. Broman, Dean of Students

REPORT OF THE HOWARD SCHOOL

On September 5, 1995 the newly renovated Howard School opened it's doors for the first time. The successful school opening came about by a great deal of hard work by many people including A.P. Whitaker and Son's, Vic Flaherty and the Building Needs Committee, the Howard School faculty, staff and custodians. As of October 1, 1995 there are 260 students in grades four, five and six.

During the late spring and early summer, the Howard School faculty and staff began preparations for the move back to their new building. Groups of teachers met throughout the summer months to work on curriculum and plan for the coming school year. At the close of school in June, the fourth, fifth and sixth grade teachers packed up their classrooms for the third and final time.

Although construction was not fully completed (no gymnasium, library, school cafeteria, kitchen, lockers or landscaping) the school year got off to a great start. It was clear to all that the new facility with it's bright clean and comfortable atmosphere had a positive effect on both the students and faculty.

Once again, the West Bridgewater Public Library has been working with Mrs. Joan Keating to provide library facilities while the High School cafeteria has been making our lunches. Construction is nearly completed on the gymnasium and kitchen areas and lockers have been partially installed.

This year, saw the start of several new programs. First, the fifth grade students are participating in the State Treasurer's program "Savings Makes Cents" with the Bridgewater Savings Bank. This program teaches students the basic concepts of money and savings. The second Tuesday of each month is "Bank Day". This school banking program will continue throughout the year. Secondly, we have begun an introductory Spanish class. Approximately six students from Mrs. Page's fourth year Spanish class are teaching fifth graders how to speak Spanish. In addition to the these programs, we have introduced Family Math Night, Family Science Night, Social Competency Program, and Evening Star Watch.

All students in grades four, five and six receive instruction in the Core Curriculum areas of Reading, Language Arts, Spelling, Handwriting, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science on a daily basis. Students also receive instruction in Art, Chorus, Computers, Health, Library Science, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, and Physical Education on a weekly basis.

For those students who experience varying degrees of difficulty, whether it be academic, social, and/or emotional, extra help is provided through our Special Needs Department, Chapter I Program, and/or Counseling Services.

The West Bridgewater PTO under the direction of Michelle Pepin continues to support the schools with the purchase of necessary educational materials and equipment as well as materials for enrichment programs. They provide the school with volunteers and help supervise special activities. We thank them for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the staff and children.

As we move into the second half of the 1995-1996 school year, we look forward with excitement and anticipation to an Open House that will give us the opportunity to show off our new school. We the administration, staff, parents and students wish to thank the people of the town for their support of student activities and for the renovation of the Howard School.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce R. Francis
Principal

REPORT OF THE ROSE L. MACDONALD SCHOOL

The Rose L. MacDonald School during the 1995-96 school year housed grades 1-3 in an elementary setting. Kindergarten occupied space at the Jr. Sr. High School from September to December 1995.

Students in Kindergarten returned to school in January to their new classrooms at The Spring St. Early Learning Center. Kindergarten staff are planning a parent open house for February 1996.

The combined enrollment at Rose MacDonald and Spring St. is 328 students in grades K-3.

Construction and installation of a new boiler system has been completed at Rose MacDonald School and is fully operational. During the construction phase of the Howard, Spring St. and High School; MacDonald School supported many of the Community after-school programs and Council on Aging programs with space use.

The RLM and Spring St. Schools focus on effective practices for increasing learning for all students in the general education classroom. Students requiring specialized services are provided their services generally in the regular classroom reducing the amount of time a student would have to leave the classroom for specialized instruction. In essence, support comes to the student vs. the student coming out of the class for instruction.

The MacDonald School is engaged in planning and preparation for introducing Technology into the primary school curriculum in the 1996-1997 school year. Several initiatives will be explored to financially support acquisition of computers and software.

Elementary staff are engaged in curriculum review and study on an ongoing basis to conform with the curriculum frameworks established by the Board of Education.

We look forward to many years of providing quality educational experiences for the young people of West Bridgewater, enhanced by new facilities and improved instructional practices.

REPORT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

The personnel involved in providing Special Education Services to the students of this community are professionally well qualified, sincerely dedicated and committed to meeting their responsibilities.

Presently, one hundred ninety-one students are receiving specialized services and instruction through special education. Nineteen percent of our total school enrollment is receiving one or more forms of service. The following is a current accounting of the services being provided:

Type of Service	Number of Students
Adapted Physical Education	14
Speech and Language Therapy	64
Occupational Therapy	50
Physical Therapy	9
Counseling Services	58
Vision and Mobility Services	2
Resource Services	164

Seventeen West Bridgewater students are enrolled in out-of-district placements, which include the following schools and/or programs.

Name of School/Program	Number of Students Attending
Higashi School, Randolph	1
Mathoms Lovering School, Brockton	2
Hanover High School, Hanover	1
Linden Hill School, Northfield	1
READS Integrated Preschool, W. Bridgewater	8
READS Hearing Impaired Program, Middleboro	1
READS T.O.P. Program	1
Oliver Ames A-Wing Program, Easton	1
EDCO Program, Newton	1

An evaluation of Special Education Programs, Services and the TEAM Evaluation Process must be completed every three years to assess our compliance with State and Federal mandates. During the 1994-1995 school year, Linari Associates reviewed the Inclusionary Process as well as Federal Grant utilization with positive results.

During the 1995-1996 school year, a dual system of Sped Administration is in place with S. Erick Benson as Director of Special Education, and Nancy T. Lane as Special Education Coordinator. We take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to our professional colleagues including our office staff or their concerted efforts expended on behalf of our students.

REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

This past June the Southeastern Regional School District completed it's twenty-eighth year of operation. The school district is composed of eight towns and the City of Brockton. Southeastern offers six post-secondary and twenty-four secondary vocational- technical training programs. On October 1, 1994 there were 1273 students enrolled in the school district.

West Bridgewater's share of the \$10,954,351.00 school district budget is \$133,924.00. This is 2.91% of the district assessment and represents 37 students.

James Morris an air-conditioning and refrigeration student won first place in the Massachusetts Vocational Clubs of American state competition and was very successful in the national competition held in Kansas City, Missouri.

Kristen Baird and Katie Farnham both cosmetology students, were also gold medal winners in the State V.I.C.A. competition. Other students have successfully competed in local V.I.C.A. competitions.

Hiliary Hamilton, Director of our Licensed Practical Nursing Program, was recently appointed to the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Nursing by Governor William Weld. Also, Debra Giampapa of Stoughton, was selected as the Massachusetts Licensed Practical Nursing Student of the Year.

Federal grants were used to offset equipment and personnel costs. Vocational Education Carl Perkins funds were used to hire an adjustment counselor, vocational aides, teachers aides, discipline assistants and a new state-of-the-art frame straightening machine for our Auto Body program.

Special Education grant funds were used to hire special education teachers, educational aides and a vocational special educational aide to better assist our handicapped students.

Title I grant funds were used to assist disadvantaged and underachieving academic and vocational students.

The Greater Brockton Local School to Career Partnership Grant, which includes Southeastern Regional and ten other school districts, received a three year million dollar grant. This was the largest School to Work Grant awarded in Massachusetts.

Our adult evening school courses continue to offer entry level trade skills and apprentice programs. Many new technology courses have been added during the past year, and Evening School participation has greatly increased.

Technology improvements include two new networked classrooms that provide up-to-date software and hardware training for academic and vocational students. Additional laser discs, electronic microscopes, and computer-assisted curriculum materials have been purchased to make training more effective and our graduates more employable. Special thanks to our volunteer Advisory Board members who assist us in recommending supplies, equipment and technology purchases.

The demand for Technical School graduates continues to be very strong and our annual placement rate exceeds 95%.

Southeastern is appreciative for the cooperation and support received from the residents of West Bridgewater.

Mr. Eugene Kostecki,
School Committee Member

REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We the Commissioners and Superintendent of the Water Department of the town of West Bridgewater, respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1995.

During the year a total of 292,161,450 gallons of water was pumped. This is 24,700,960 gallons more than the previous year. The greatest amount for any one day was June 6, 1995 with 1,857,700 gallons of water pumped. The largest month was August with 33,503,070 gallons pumped. The largest week was July 2, 1995 with 8,647,580 gallons being pumped.

With 292,161,450 gallons of water pumped plus 1,001,230 gallons bought from Easton, a total of 293,162,680 gallons of water was used. This makes a daily average of 803,185 gallons.

Eighteen new water services were installed, bringing our total number to 2,440 services.

Station maintenance was carried out daily, after every severe storm, and after all power failures. A total of 595 hours of overtime was spent on emergency leaks and maintenance.

Once again in the fall of the year the Water Department undertook our flushing program. The flushing program has proven to be very successful, almost eliminating dirty water complaints.

The Board of Water Commissioners would like to thank our crew for the excellent job rebuilding the drainage system around the Spring Street school. The drainage pipes were broken and plugged. The school was experiencing serious water problems in its heat duct system located in the floors. The system was replaced in part and repairs were made where needed through joint effort of the Highway and Water Departments crew. The water crew also replaced the water service lines feeding the school.

In the fall of 1995, Water Department crew started the new water meter replacement program using the new telephone operated meter reading system. The meters are read monthly over the telephone directly to our computer.

During the year 142 analyses of our drinking water were made for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency for bacterial elements. All reports except one were most satisfactory, showing it to be of highly acceptable quality and free from bacterial elements. The one bad report we received was in September 1995 it was found on Manley St. extension on the distribution system and only on that one street. During this period there was four large construction projects going on in the area. Route 24 reconstruction, a new nursing home, Eastern Utilities addition, and Chadwicks of Boston expansion. It is our belief that the high water flows to these sites during this period contributed to the problem. Analysis for sodium concentration in our water averaged 15.15 milligrams per litre for

1995, allowing us to meet the states recommended maximum of 20 milligrams per litre. We also ran individual tests on all 4 wells to check for cancer causing pollutants in our water and none were detected in any of our wells.

We would like to thank the crew of the Water Department for making this year a success, and all the other departments that came to our aid when requested and most importantly all the townspeople who have supported us in reaching our goals.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Noyes, Chairman
Donald Asack, Member
David Churchill, Clerk
Richard E. Krugger, Jr., Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BRIDGEWATER VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The purpose of the Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association, Inc., is to provide quality comprehensive home health care to individuals and families in the communities served and to promote education, preventive care and health maintenance while responding to community needs through various programs and services. Patients are accepted regardless of age, disability, race, creed, sex, national origin or the ability to pay.

Over the last ninety-four years, our mission has changed only to encompass the changing time of society, but we still maintain the same quality of care to our residents and the fundamental right of dignity and respect for our patients.

With the assistance of our town government, our residents and our local businesses we have been able to maintain our goals to our residents. We have also been able to aid the Board of Health with flu immunization, Mantoux testing, lead screening, aid with communicable diseases, blood pressure screening, and many other helpful tests and clinics. As usual, we have held our annual Health Fair open to all residents and have been able to hold monthly clinics around town. We offer an Alzheimers support group for those caregivers and family members who are often neglected.

Thanks to your continual support we have been able to increase our staff to meet the ever increasing demands needed to meet the health care challenges put before the residents of our town.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Kravitz, *President*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health respectfully submits its report for 1995

The following list of fees gathered by the Board is a glimpse of some of the Board activities.

Perc test observations	\$ 9534.50
Disposal works permits	2475.00
Food service and retail food permits	3330.00
Disposal installer permits	875.00
Milk and cream permits	460.00
Septic hauler licenses	455.00
Rabies Clinic	465.00
Mobile food service permits	315.00
Mobile home park and motel permits	150.00
Miscellaneous	538.00
TOTAL	\$18,597.50

Again this year we thank the Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association and our Public Health Nurse for running the clinics on blood pressure and blood sugar screening, TB testing and flu shots. The Public Health Nurse is available every first and third Tuesday from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at our office in the Town Hall, at the COA Center on the second Wednesday from 10 A.M. until noon and at the Esther Drive Community Building every fourth Wednesday from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.

The Veterinary Clinic for rabies shots for cats and dogs was held on April 30, 1995 courtesy of Dr. Neal Andelman of Westbridge Veterinary Hospital. It was well received.

Lastly, we wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Richard Colvin the Health Inspector for handling all the day to day work that allows our Board to function. The ongoing restaurant and food handling inspections, septic site inspections and follow-up visits and calls on public health complaints received by the Board are not seen in yearly reports such as this, but are essential to the public health of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Asack, Chairperson

Edward F. Cruz, Clerk

Marie T. Bagley, Member

INSPECTORS OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

We hereby respectfully submit our annual report for the year 1995

Number of dairy cows over two years	185
Number of dairy heifers one to two years	67
Number of dairy calves under one year	28

Number of dairy bulls	10
Number of dairy steers
Number of dairy herds (one animal constitutes a herd)	3
Number of beef cows over two years	29
Number of beef heifers one to two years	3
Number of beef calves under one year	8
Number of beef bulls	1
Number of beef steers	3
Number of beef herds (one animal constitutes a herd)	2
Number of oxen
Number of horses (work and saddle)	52
Number of ponies	9
Number of goats	19
Number of sheep	23
Number of donkeys	2
Number of swine	49
Number of swine herds	3
Number of poultry	6172
(number includes 6,000 turkeys at turkey farm)	
Number of poultry flocks	13
Number of dog bites reported to inspector for quarantine	8
Number of cats quarantined	1

Respectfully submitted,
Howard A. Anderson
Richard Anderson
Inspectors of Animals

REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 1995.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of 25 Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

Again in 1995, the season began with an above normal water table which produced large numbers of spring brood mosquitoes throughout the County. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of adult mosquitoes, ultra-low-volume adulticiding began. The Project responded to service requests until a drying trend occurred during mid-summer. All sprayers and trucks performed well with little time lost to breakdowns.

The threat of the mosquito-transmitted disease Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was low in 1995. This season marked the second consecutive year since 1981 that EEE virus was not isolated during the mosquito surveillance period. A certificate of recognition was presented on September 21, 1995 to the Massachusetts Mosquito Control Association for continued cooperation and coordination with the Department of Public Health in providing surveillance of Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

The figures specific to the Town of West Bridgewater are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of West Bridgewater residents.

Insecticide Application. 1,753 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in May and the last in September.

Aerial Application. Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In West Bridgewater this year we aerially larviciding 1,760 acres.

Water Management. During 1995 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 1,385 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Finally, we have been tracking complaint response time, that is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of West Bridgewater was less than two days with more than 169 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in West Bridgewater indicates that *Coquillettidia perturbans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected included *Aedes vexans* and *Culiseta melanura*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Kenneth W. Ludlam, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Commissioners:
Carolyn Brennan, *Chairman*
Robert A. Thorndike, *Vice Chairman*
Leighton F. Peck, Jr., *Secretary*
William J. Mara
Alice A. Pratt

HEALTH CARE OF SOUTHEASTERN MASS., INC.

Dear Friend,

I'm pleased to announce that we are significantly enhancing our Brockton-based services for survivors of domestic violence, rape and sexual assault. Womansplace and the Plymouth County Rape Crisis Center have formed a single, unified program called the Womansplace Crisis Center.

The Crisis Center will offer a complete array of individual and group counseling, advocacy and emergency intervention services for victims of violence in the greater Brockton area. These will continue to include 24-hour emergency hotline, emergency shelter, and professional training and community education services. By combining the resources of both programs, we hope to offer clients a more comprehensive and accessible service which meets their needs more effectively. Clients will now have a broader range of counseling and advocacy skills available to them no matter how they access the program. In addition, we will be focusing increasing resources on the impact of violence on children, and will be upgrading our services to meet the needs of child survivors.

As in the past, rape crisis services will be provided to all residents of Plymouth County.

The Center's mailing address is PO Box 4206, Brockton Mass. 02403, and staff are available on a 24-hour basis at our two hotline numbers. Domestic violence services can be reached at 508-588-2041. Rape Crisis services can be reached at 508-588-8255.

If you have any questions, or wish to obtain additional information regarding the Womansplace Crisis Center, you can reach Nancy Benoit and Janet Mullin-Saucedo, program co-directors, at 508-588-2045.

We look forward to continuing our work with women in the greater Brockton community, and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Sheldon H. Barr
Executive Director

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The West Bridgewater Council on Aging has come full circle. Three years ago we left the Spring Street School and for two years called the Howard School home, we hope to be back at Spring Street by December 1995.

When school renovations began, we had to vacate the Howard School. A Senior Site Committee was formed under the leadership of the Board of Selectmen-it was time to find a home for the town's senior citizens. The short term goal was to lease temporary quarters and the long term goal is to build a multi purpose senior center. A committee was appointed to locate temporary quarters for the Council on Aging. In August the town leased One South Main Street.

Through a team effort comprised of Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Building Inspector, and Elder Services Director coordination of renovations was begun. With the assistance of volunteers donating their skills and labor the Council on Aging moved its Administrative office and Social Day Care Program to this location on September 1, 1994. With the cooperation of the School Department, senior luncheons were held three days a week at the Spring Street School. Other activities were held in the high school and at the Rose L. MacDonald School until June.

The C.O.A. Board and staff never lost sight of the fact that service to the senior population of West Bridgewater was our primary goal and this they continued to do with perseverance. Dial-A-Bat provides transportation to medical appointments locally and to Boston hospitals 5 days per week. Our monthly newsletter is the most effective line of communication. 1100 issues are mailed monthly. This enables us to provide information on services and activities, we, at the Council on Aging provide. Telephone Reassurance provides contact to those persons who are homebound and may be isolated and in need of talking to an understanding peer. This service is provided by a Council on Aging volunteer. Calls may be as frequent as once a day, every other day or once a week.

Social Day Care is a supervised group program for those elders who cannot be alone because of physical or emotional disabilities. The program offers supervised activities for seniors and respite for family caregivers, three days a week.

Other services provided are: Luncheons, three days a week, Line Dancing, BINGO and Bowling. Monthly Blood Pressure Clinic, Fuel Assistance, Outreach, information and referral to appropriate resources, Shine Counseling, Senior Citizen discount ID Card, Bay State Gas Discount Card and annual Flu Clinic.

Our Transportation Coordinator provides day and overnight trips year round to seniors who like to travel.

In 1995 the Council on Aging received Grant funds totaling \$10,000.00 this money was used to supplement salaries and the Senior Lunch Program.

JOY (Just Older Youth) continues to hold fundraisers to support the goals of the Council on Aging. Its immediate goal is the Building Fund and they are at the moment planning several events for the coming year.

Two members chose not to seek reappointment: Helen Nelson and Julio Miglierini, thank you for the time and support you gave to the town's senior citizens.

We would like to thank all Town Departments for their assistance, during the past year. To all Senior Citizens, Town's People, Businesses, and Organizations who continually support our efforts. To the many volunteers who have given us their most precious commodity "TIME." WE THANK YOU!

Our goal is to build a Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan K. Johnson, Elder Services Director
Frank Nelson, Chairman
Anna Brown, Vice Chairman
Virginia Michael, Secretary
Jacqueline Barber, Treasurer
David Cohen
George Massey
Pauline Peterson
Theresa Rizel
Lloyd Sears
Irene Willis

REPORT OF OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of the town of West Bridgewater: The Delegate and Alternate to the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging are pleased to present this report of the Area Agency on Aging activities for 1995.

The Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging is responsible for the planning, coordination and funding of elderly services under Title III of the Older American Act in the 23 community region served by the program. The Area Agency, in conjunction with input from the 23 community Advisory Committee, has focused its efforts on developing a comprehensive network of services and programs which are responsive to the full spectrum of elder service needs. In collaboration with local councils on aging and elder service provider agencies, the Area Agency provided grant funding for the following services and programs in Fiscal Year 1995:

- * Senior Center and Outreach Programs

- * Home Health and Respite Services
- * In-Home Mental Health Services
- * Services for Elders with Disabilities
- * Transportation Services
- * Legal Services
- * Emergency Services
- * Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals
- * Nutritional Education and Counseling
- * Services to Families and Caregivers
- * Nursing Home Ombudsman Services

In addition to providing the services listed above, the Area Agency also used funding under Title III-F of the Older Americans Act for the provision of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Programs and Services, for:

- * Community Health Education Presentations
- * Demonstration fitness and exercise programs at local Councils on Aging
- * Nutrition Education and Healthy Eating/Weight Loss Programs to almost 500 elders.

The Area Agency also used funding awarded from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for the provision of Prostate Cancer Awareness and Education presentations throughout the region. The Area Agency worked closely with councils on aging and other human service provider agencies to conduct these presentations at various locations. A total of 14 educational presentations were conducted, serving more than 320 elders.

Statistical Information:

The services and programs above were available to elders throughout the region. In 1995, over 380,000 units of service were provided to more than 12,000 elders. These included: serving 836 elders with over 2000 trips under the Volunteer Transportation Program; approximately 2300 units of in-home mental health services to 430 elders; 1600 units of in-home personal care services; 3500 units of legal assistance services; and 250,000 congregate and home delivered meals.

The Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Delegates and Alternates play a key role in the development and support of elder service programs in the area. The Advisory Committee, consisting of representatives from each of the 23 communities served, assists the Area Agency in assessing elder service needs, establishing funding priorities and selecting subgrantees to provide Title III services. The support and cooperation of the local communities and Advisory Committee is acknowledged with gratitude by the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. David Cohen, AAA Delegate
Ms. Pauline Peterson, AAA Alternate

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Taken in the context of the twenty-one (21) years Old Colony Elderly Services (OCES) has been in service to seniors, Fiscal Year 1995 can be viewed as a relatively good one. Funding was reasonably stable and there continued to be very meaningful refinement in OCES' ability to respond to those seniors who are the most frail and needy throughout the service area. In addition, OCES has made a concerted effort to explore ways and means to reach and more effectively serve elders who do not meet State funding criteria. The following contains a description of just what OCES has done and how many seniors received services during the past twelve months.

From a service point of view, the numbers are clearly impressive and a source of pride for all of us who are associated with OCES. In the aggregate, these figures represent the effort and dedication of many people including volunteers, the staff and the Board. On a more personal level, every number represents a senior whose life has been touched in a way that will help each of them continue to live more securely and independently as an integral part of their community.

In the broader scheme of things, OCES is able to do what it does because 'society', through its elected officials, has seen that an investment in the quality of the lives of seniors is not only worthwhile but necessary. Indeed, at every level of government in Massachusetts (i.e., local Boards of Selectmen, State Representatives and Senators, the Governor and the entire Massachusetts Congressional delegation) support for the services seniors require has been a priority issue. This has been the case for some time and there can be little doubt that this commitment will continue. However, given the very real change in the political climate the country has witnessed, the issue now becomes one of how this commitment can and will be expressed. Unfortunately, initial indications have not been very encouraging. Just when it appeared that support for senior programs and 'homecare' had finally been secured, it seems that preparations have begun to redefine the basic 'ground rules' and change the entire structure of senior services in a very dramatic and negative fashion.

If we are to preserve what we have worked so long to build, then our response must be consistent; our resolve must remain firm, and our involvement in the political process must intensify.

Sincerely,

Edna F. Rand, President
Edward T. Donovan, Executive Director

REPORT OF SELF HELP INCORPORATED

During the program year ending September 30, 1995, Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately \$9.3M and provided direct services to 37,868 limited income households in the area.

In the town of W. BRIDGEWATER SHI provided services totaling \$65,959 to 508 households during program year 1995.

The total funding of \$9,284,683 does not tell the real value of human services delivered to the area as a whole. Self Help's funding enabled us to mobilize an additional \$1,988,239 of other community resources such as, contributions from the towns, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the gross value of SHI during the past program year was \$11,540,877.

Self Help currently employs 225 individuals, many of whom are of limited income, minorities, and who reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 1994 through September 30, 1995 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many limited income individuals as we did, in spite of the uncertainties with which we were faced, and decreases in fundings we experienced.

We thank all the volunteers, Boards of Selectmen, and their representative(s) to our Board of Directors, representatives of the limited income sectors and private sectors for helping to make our year a success.

Respectfully submitted
Ulysses G. Shelton, Jr.
Executive Director

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Honorable Selectmen, elected officials, appointed of officials, and residents of West Bridgewater:

It is our pleasure to present you with the annual report from the Board of Trustees. We continue to be active as a small town library and are proud to say have started as well as completed many goals and projects. With the support we have received from town residents and elected officials the library will continue to serve library patrons with the first class service they deserve.

This is your library. We welcome you to come and enrich your lives with what it has to offer.

Following is a brief summary of some of the library's community involvement, accomplishments, and goals:

As a small town library we are striving to keep up with the fast moving pace and sometimes mind boggling age of computer technology. There are vast amounts of information and services available for all to access at the touch of a few buttons. As trustees it is our goal and responsibility to see that access to this information and services is available for everyone. To do this we need the tools and technical knowledge to make this service a reality. In order to achieve this goal we have included in our budget funds necessary to purchase a computer with a CD ROM and other peripherals for public use. It is also a requirement that library staff upgrade their technical skills through continued training and workshops.

We have been following the Strategic plan of the *Mass Board of Library Commissioners* which is to enhance library technology and resource sharing in the commonwealth. Which will: (as stated in their plan)

“expand the present Regional Public Library Systems to include membership from academic, school and special libraries in the Commonwealth. This will Provide users of all types of libraries with expanded access to books and other library materials available within each region, regional reference and delivery services and other cooperative services designed to strengthen local libraries,

establish statewide programs to provide access to specialized international resources on a statewide basis and support library resource sharing activities statewide,

enhance the Capabilities of the Massachusetts Library Information Network (MLIN), a state wide electronic information linking all libraries. This will provide libraries and residents with a statewide catalog of books and other materials available through participating libraries, access to state and federal government information and access to general and specialized library reference services,

build on existing library resources and strengths.”

We as trustees also recognize the fact that books are the heart of the library and that our primary goal is to keep our book and materials collections up to date so that they are available to patrons on a daily basis.

The Meeting room has been available and put to use on a regular basis by the following committees and organizations: Finance Committee, West Bridgewater Cultural Council, Howard Trustees, Concerned Parents Group, Adult reading and book discussion group headed by Joy Van Pelt, Girl Scouts adult leaders, West Bridgewater Community Evening School for pre school classes, Just Older Youth (JOY) fund raising group, and elected officials for use to meet with their constituents.

The Library and the Friends of the Library with the leadership of Jodi Savage as President and Marriann Lorrain as RIF co-ordinator have been able to continue the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) program. This is a program where volunteers distribute books at no cost to grades one through five. Funding for this program comes from the Friends of the Library, the West Bridgewater Cultural Council, and the Federal Government. Distribution of books was done three times this past year and monthly as a RIF SWAP organized by Pat Everett where students get together and swap books. The major portion of the funding for this program comes from the

Friends of the Library who raise money through book and bake sales along with membership drives. Lisa Componeschi is the membership chairperson for the Friends of the Library. Residents wishing to get involved with Friends of the Library can do so by contacting the library at Tel# 583-2067.

The Library is fortunate to have a highly motivated and dedicated staff that deserves recognition, beginning with Beth Roll Smith (Library Director), April McDermott (Head of Circulation), Chris Altieri (Children's Librarian), Susan Dailey (Head of Technical Services), Clydette Lothrop (Bookkeeper), Lydia Caffelle (Stack Monitor), Dolores Lobris (Circulation Assistant), and Bill Lyons (Library Assistant). The Trustees applaud their efforts and dedication.

Last and most importantly of all, the Board of Trustees would like to thank the staff, all the volunteers, Friends of the Library, patrons, residents and elected officials who have given their support. Because of your support and efforts we have a library as well as an asset to the town of which we can all be proud.

Respectfully submitted,
THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Robert. A. Sullivan, Chairman
James L. Grandfield, Vice Chairman
Rita M. Fontinha, Secretary
Barbara A. Roulstone
Susan Cross
Tony Kinahan

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF THE W. BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The West Bridgewater Public Library has experienced much change in 1995. The library offered its regular services while continuing the process of preparing for automated library services. Inputting data on the library's holdings began in July 1993 and has been an ongoing project. The total number of holdings entered now is 32,610 items.

Beginning May 16 the library went on-line with automated library services allowing patron access to over one million items held in twenty five area libraries. The library continues to register borrowers on the new bar-coded system. At the end of the year there were 1,580 borrowers registered.

Automation and the change to five-day-a-week van delivery of materials reserved by patrons have had a great impact on library usage and staff services to the public. The first seven and a half months of operation on ABLE has seen an increase in the number of materials circulated to the public.

Glancing around the library on any given day, a visitor would see children at a story hour, groups holding meetings in the community room, adults browsing through newspapers and magazines in comfortable seating, students accessing in-

formation on the ABLE public terminal, and of course, patrons checking out books, taking a copy of the library newsletter, and finding reference and do-it-yourself information in the traditional ways.

Children's Librarian, Chris Altieri, offered many new and exciting programs geared to toddlers and children. Story hours with craft sessions were a regular presentation. Diane Edgecomb's performance storytelling at the conclusion of the Summer Reading Program was a special presentation paid for by the West Bridgewater Cultural Council funds. These are some of the offerings which are designed to create life-long interest in libraries and literature that will prepare children to become successful adults in our society.

School Librarian, Joan Keating, continued to bring her school library classes to the public library all year for instruction during the school construction projects. Classes from the Junior- Senior High School also availed themselves of library resources.

The library has received approval from the State Dept. of Education to become a site in the Professional Development Provider program. Educator workshops will be offered for a fee to participants seeking PDP credits beginning in 1996.

The Adult Book Discussion Group continued successfully throughout the year. Popular and classical literature has been read and discussed. More readers are encouraged to come to share their ideas on the books read for discussion.

Small libraries in the Bridgewater Subregion again shared a regional grant of \$18,000 to help defray the cost of automation with ABLE. As a result of a decision made by library directors at subregion meetings, rotating deposit collections of audio cassettes, large print books, and second copies of best sellers are available at ABLE libraries to provide speedy access to high demand titles.

The Board of Trustees and the library staff are very grateful to the many individuals and groups who have made generous donations of time and money to help provide excellent service to the library public.

Our appreciation goes to:

Our wonderful library volunteers: Roberta Barroll, Betty Turner, Dick Swann, Evelyn Fletcher, Barbara Marione, and Joanne Brooks; Mary Ellen Holden who cared for the library's plants; Holmes McDuffy Florists for the beautiful weekly floral displays; and Warren Turner who obtained used administrative 386 computers from Analog Devices, Inc. and equipped them for the library staff to use for reports and the newsletter;

The families and friends of Charles S. Millett, II and Edith Louise Berry Hambly, Arthur Harris, Jr., and Alfred Thorpe for gift memorials in their names;

Our generous supporters, Pleasant Hill Cemetery Assn., and West Bridgewater Community/Evening School who have given books or donations to purchase books throughout the year;

The Friends of the West Bridgewater Public Library for their dedication, sup-

port, and hard work on behalf of the library. Their fundraising efforts and innovative programming have been a wonderful gift to the library and to the community of West Bridgewater. The Friends sponsored an autumn book sale, a table of information at Town Community Day, a holiday celebration for patrons, and the landscaping and maintenance of the English garden at the side entrance.

I feel very fortunate to have been Library Director at this very exciting time of automation in the history of the West Bridgewater Public Library. It is indeed a pleasure to work with a Board of Trustees and a library staff who faced every challenge and change with determination and good humor. My thanks to the citizens of West Bridgewater for their continued interest in and support of the West Bridgewater Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Roll Smith, Library Director

ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

The ADA Compliance Committee has gained three new members this year thus, many things have been accomplished. A grievance procedure has been developed and approved by the Selectmen. The Annual Census contained a questionnaire to ascertain the number and type of disabilities present in West Bridgewater. A comprehensive written evaluation of the Town Hall was submitted to the Selectmen in November. A critique of the library's needs was presented to the Library Trustees in February. A review of two of the three school renovation projects has been completed and submitted to the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee, the Building Needs Committee, the Architect and the Contractor.

Unfortunately, the large amount of monies spent in renovating and rebuilding the Howard School and the Spring Street School, a physically handicapped individual still cannot get a drink of water in either building. That is just one of the numerous criteria not addressed in the rebuilding process.

The Americans With Disabilities Act was signed by President Bush in 1991. This law requires that all public buildings, local, state and federal be made accessible to the physically impaired by January 1995. This includes accesses, egresses, restrooms, signage, alarms, telephones and physical use of space and furnishings. By not complying with this law or demonstrating good faith intentions the town and townspeople are in violation of a federal law and be forced to move all services to a handicapped accessible site.

In closing I would like to thank my Committee and the Board of Selectmen, the Administrative Assistant, Building Inspector, Town Clerk, Fire Chief, Police Chief, The CFFR and everyone who has assisted us in our endeavor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Michael, Chairman
Leonard Hunt
Kevan Sullivan
Grace Bjorklund
Bruce Holmquist

REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

In accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth, Chapter 128, the Trustees for Plymouth County Cooperative Extension are empowered to receive, on behalf of the County, money appropriated by any town, or by the Federal Government for carrying out the provision of the Law, under which they are appointed.

Agents have made contacts during the past year in every community, either by public meeting, individual visits, group discussions and demonstrating, in attempting to assist the needs of the citizens toward helping to solve management problems, better living, and better community service. Cooperative Extension staff have been ably assisted by many local volunteer leaders.

A total expense of \$200.00 was incurred during the year for the purchase of material needed in carrying on the various Extension programs. The appropriation made by your town was used for residents of the town and expended as follows:

EXPENSE - 1994-95

Books and Manuals purchased for Town	\$ 20.00
Town Director's Expense	
Bulletins, Paper, etc.	75.00
4-H School Programs	90.00
4-H & Home Ec Leader Expense	15.00
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Total	\$200.00

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Current Appropriation (1995-96)	\$200.00
Suggested Appropriation for 1996-97	200.00

Respectfully submitted,
TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Mary M. McBrady,
County Director

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995

County Extension programs are carried on through Plymouth County in cooperation with UMASS - Amherst and the United States Department of Agriculture. The Cooperative Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Education programs focus on water quality, horticulture, agriculture, 4-H youth and family development, and nutrition education. Volunteer advisory groups work with staff on developing specific programs. Local citizens, appointed by the County Commissioners, serve as County Extension trustees, directing the overall program. Extension staff serve as a direct link with the University of Massachusetts. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with people and communities through workshops, conferences, field demonstrations, technical assistance, newspaper articles, radio and television. Publications such as regular newsletters and booklets, factsheets, and home study courses, bring information directly to those who need it.

In Plymouth County, the Cooperative Extension outreach office is located on High St. Hanson. In Southeastern Massachusetts regional programs are conducted in cooperation with the Barnstable County Extension Program. Satellite offices of UMASS Cooperative Extension are located in Bristol and Norfolk Counties. UMASS Cooperative Extension also operates the Cranberry Experiment Research Station, located in Wareham. The Cooperative Extension office (Hanson) is open 8:30-4:30 PM Mon-Fri. Currently the county field staff consists of a County Director, two 4-H Youth Development Specialists, a Nutrition/Family Development Specialist, and a Landscape/Nursery Specialist. A federally funded Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, which has been active in Plymouth County since 1969, is run under the auspices of Cooperative Extension. Currently, one supervisor, and two outreach educators work in this program conducting a UMASS nutrition education certificate course. A three-year Water Quality Grant was received this past year for work in the Taunton River Watershed Connections Project. For more detailed information on the County Cooperative Extension program contact the county office at Box 658, Hanson, MA 02341. (617)293-3541 or 447-5946.

PROGRAM OUTREACH

- **CABLE TV** - One hundred and thirty (130) cable TV shows "Extension News & Notes" have been produced by Plymouth County Cooperative Extension. All but 3 Plymouth County towns use this half-hour Cooperative Extension cable TV program in their weekly community access channel, reaching over 100,000 households.

- **RADIO** - Every Sunday morning at 8:10 AM on WBET (Brockton), Cooperative Extension staff present a 15 minute broadcast on upcoming programs and timely educational topics.

- **NEWSLETTERS** - Cooperative Extension publishes fifteen newsletters in the area on Natural resources/Agriculture/Nutrition for residents and commercial growers. A master list of these is available from the County Extension Office.

- **FACTSHEETS** - Cooperative Extension has numerous fact sheets available to the public. Multiple copies of the order form "150 Most Popular Tip Sheets" are distributed routinely to libraries, town halls and local cooperating agencies.

- **SERVICES** - The County Cooperative Extension office has information and instruction forms to have your soil tested. UMASS Cooperative Extension Soil Analysis Lab tests for soil pH and complete soil analysis. Pressure gauge tests for home canners are conducted at the County Extension office.

- **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS** - A wide variety of teacher training workshops, lectures and on-site field demonstrations are conducted. 250 key county agencies receive a monthly mailing listing local Cooperative Extension activities.

- **AFFILIATIONS** - 4-H Farley Outdoor Education Center is a non-profit regional ACA accredited overnight camp run by a Board of Directors representing 4-H in SE Massachusetts. Information on this facility can be obtained from the Plymouth County Cooperative Extension office.

ADVISORY BOARD(S) AND TRUSTEES

Some key groups that oversee the work of Cooperative Extension are as follows:

Board of Trustees:

Plymouth County Cooperative Extension programs and budget are reviewed by a 9-member Board. They are appointed by Plymouth County Commissioners. Members serving in 1995 were:

County Commissioner Robert Stone - Whitman

John Burnett, Jr. - Whitman

Joseph "Mal" Denly - Brockton

Valerie Dennehy - Kingston

Edward Nicolas - Plymouth

William Remes - Carver

Matthew Striggles - Bridgewater

Lenore Swanson - Plympton

John Weckbacher - Abington

County 4-H Advisory & Leaders Council:

The active county 4-H program looks to a 10-member advisory group to assist with fundraising, program reviews and promotion. They are appointed by the Plymouth County Board of Trustees.

Janice Strojny, Chm. - Middleboro

Deborah Simonis - So. Easton

Nancy Joy - Halifax

Donna Murphy - Middleboro

Linda Ransom - Hanson

Pat Schembari - Hanover

Richard Tavares - Lakeville

Chuck Smith - E. Bridgewater

Virginia Sybertz - Middleboro

Debra Theriault - Middleboro

Town Directors:

M.G.L. Ch. 128 outlines the Cooperative Extension System functions. It allows for Town Directors to serve in the capacity as a local liaison. These towns contribute additional funds to assist Cooperative Extension programs. Annual Cooperative Extension reports are published in their town documents. Directors are: James Franey, Abington; Richard Wyman, Bridgewater; Dorothy Angley, Carver; Lindsay

Blake, Duxbury; Ed Smith, East Bridgewater; Kozhaya Nessralla; Leander B. Nichols, Hanover; Robert Haviland, Hingham; Jean Catto, Lakeville; John North, Marshfield; James Archer, Marion; David Blanchard, Middleboro; E. Dana Cashin, Norwell; Brian Baragwanath, Pembroke; Edward Kierstead, Plympton; Georgia Chamberlain, Rochester; Jerrilyn Quinlan, Scituate; Clifford Carlson, West Bridgewater and Leon Millett, Jr., Whitman.

Members of the County Staff:

Mary M. McBrady, County Extension Director
Marjorie A. Mahoney, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development
Robert O. Mott, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development
Mary "Liz" O'Donoghue, Extension Specialist, Nutrition and Family Development
Deborah C. Swanson, Extension Specialist, Landscape and Nursery
Betty Ann Francis, Head Administrative Clerk

Staff funded by Federal or State Program Grants:

Andrea B. Gulezian, Nutrition Education Program Supervisor
Maria Pique, Nutrition Educator
Joyce Rose, Nutrition Educator
Faith Burbank, Extension Specialist, Water Quality
Anita Sprague, Senior Clerk
Betsy Fisher, Special Project Temporary Clerk, Water Quality (Part-time)

Town Report Submitted by,

Mary McBrady, County Director
January 1996

REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is a report of the nature and the status of the litigation in which the Town of West Bridgewater had been involved or is currently involved as of the date of this report:

Building Inspector of Town of West Bridgewater

v.

Marie Lacerda and Dennis Lacerda

This is an action brought in the Superior Court by the Building Inspector to enjoin the defendants from using their premises in violation of the Town's Zoning By-Laws. A preliminary injunction was granted to the Town, and a trial on the merits is still pending.

Town of West Bridgewater

v.

Joseph Galvin

This is a complaint brought by the Town in the Plymouth County Superior

Court seeking to obtain damages from the defendant with respect to a defective ladder truck sold by him to the Town. The case is pending trial.

**Gerald J. Kelleher, Raymond A. Mucci and Maxwell Andelman
V.
Town of West Bridgewater**

This is an action brought by the plaintiffs in the Plymouth County Superior Court seeking additional damages for a taking by the Town of their land by eminent domain for the purpose of public water supply. This case is pending trial.

**Steven D. Crawford
V.
A & E Realty Trust and Victor Guerreiro**

This is a complaint brought in the Superior Court by the Town's Building Inspector to obtain a preliminary injunction ordering the defendants to comply with the Town's Zoning By-Laws and with the State Building Code. This case was tried in the Superior Court and judgment was rendered in favor of the Building Inspector. The defendants have now appealed the judgment to the Appeals Court.

**Steven D. Crawford
V.
C & L Realty Trust, Paul Colandrea and Richard Leonard**

This is a complaint brought by the Building Inspector to enjoin the defendants from using their premises in violation of the Town's Zoning By-Laws. A trial on the merits is still pending.

**John F. Hebshie, Trustee of Hebshie Brothers Trust
V.
Board of Selectmen and Town of West Bridgewater**

This action was recently brought in the United States District court by the plaintiff, who is the owner and operator of the Beacon Mobile Home Park. The action challenged the validity of the Town's Rent Control By-Law and alleged that the Board of Selectmen's denial of the plaintiff's application for a permit to discontinue the use of his property for a mobile home park was a regulatory taking of his property without just compensation. The plaintiff sought damages for what he claimed was an unlawful taking of his property. This action is no longer pending as the plaintiff withdrew his complaint.

**John F. Hebshie, Trustee of Hebshie Brothers Trust,
doing business as Beacon Mobile Home Park
V.
Board of Selectmen, Town of West Bridgewater**

This is an action brought in the Plymouth County Superior Court by the plaintiff, who is the owner and operator of the Beacon Mobile Home Park. The action requests the Court to determine the validity of the enactment of Chapter 15 of the acts of 1992 allowing the Town to adopt a Rent Control By-Law, the validity of the

Town's adoption of said By-Law, and whether the Town has the legal right to deny the plaintiff permission to discontinue the use of his land for use as a mobile home park. The case is pending trial.

**Richard Civitarese, Trustee of American Manufactured Homes Trust,
doing business as Matfield Woods Mobile Home Park**

V.

Board of Selectmen

This is an action brought in the Plymouth County Superior Court by the plaintiff, who is the owner and operator of the Matfield Woods Mobile Home Park, to determine the validity of the enactment of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 1992 allowing the Town to adopt a Rent Control By-Law and the validity of the Town's adoption of said By-Law. The case is pending trial.

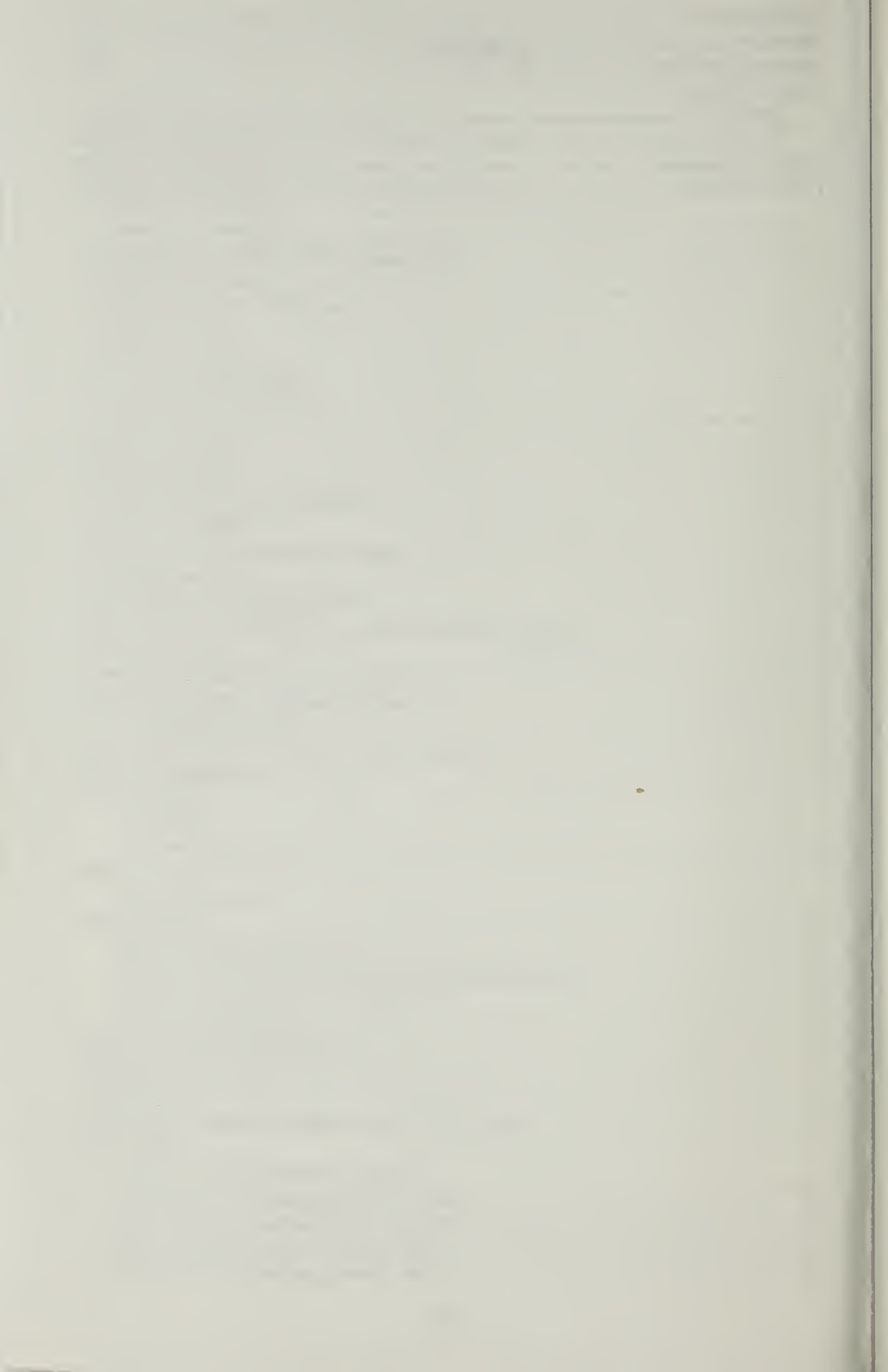
Respectfully submitted,

John P. Lee
Town Counsel

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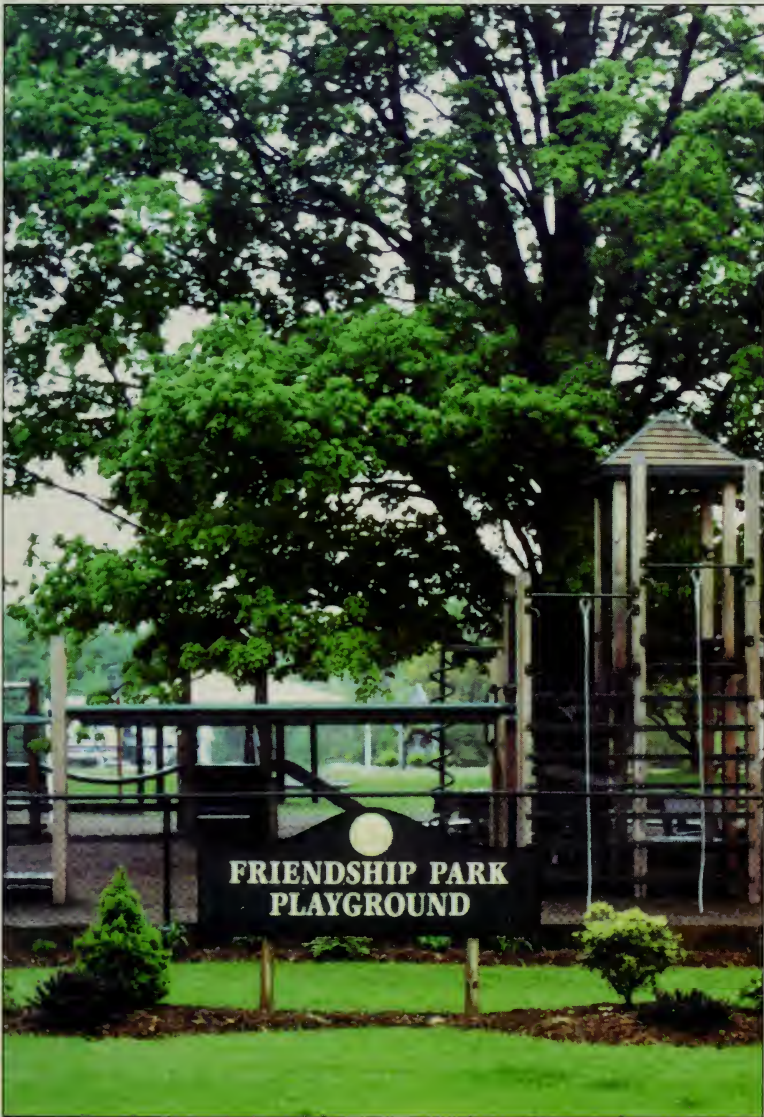
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TOWN
OF
WEST BRIDGEWATER



ANNUAL REPORT
1996

*Dedicated
to the Memory
of
Howard Hayward, Chairman
Conservation Commission
and
Friend*



Dedication

*The 1996 Annual Town Report is Dedicated
To All Town Employees,
Past and Present,
Who Continue to Serve
the Town of West Bridgewater
with Dedication and Pride.*



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OFFICERS and COMMITTEES

of the Town of

WEST BRIDGEWATER

for the year ending December 31

1996

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen hereby submits its 175th Annual Town Report.

The year 1996 brought with it many changes and additions to the Town of West Bridgewater. Eldon Moreira ran unopposed and was elected to his sixth term as Selectman in April and Richard Freitas was elected Chairman of the Board at their reorganization shortly thereafter.

The Blizzard of 1996 hit the Town full force in January and the Town was buried in more snow than it had seen for a long time for the rest of that Winter.

At the request of Police Chief, with the support of the Board of Selectmen, a Lieutenant's position was established in the Police Department. In May, the Board appointed Sergeant Robert Kominsky to that position. This left two openings in the Sergeant's rank and the Board quickly filled them by appointing Detective Raymond Rogers and Patrolman Jimmy Ames to this rank. In June, the Selectmen also appointed Michael Cummings to the rank of Patrolman. In the fall, the Selectmen appointed three new Permanent/Intermittent Officers: Gregory Ames, Kenneth Thaxter and Christopher Werner.

It was with deep regret that the Selectmen accepted the retirement notice of Police Chief Howard "Howie" Anderson. Howie served the Town of West Bridgewater and worked with the Board of Selectmen as a loyal and trusted employee. He touched the lives of many people and he will surely be missed.

That put in motion the interviewing and appointment of a new Police Chief to be sworn in as of January 1, 1997. The Board unanimously selected Lieutenant Robert Kominsky for the position.

Throughout the year the Selectmen also accepted the retirement of Martha Linden in the Accountant's Office and appointed Lorraine Mardo to fill this position. Other appointments this year included Brian York to the Highway Department, and Leonard Graf to the newly established position of Town Mechanic.

Continuing their support of a new Senior Center, the Board submitted a \$750,000 grant application to EOCD in hopes of securing complete funding for this project now that a site had been secured. The February Town Meeting granted the Selectmen control over a parcel of school land known as the "Bus pad", upon which to build the center. Unfortunately in November, we found out we narrowly missed funding. The Board is firm in its commitment to resubmit its request for the next round.

In its continuing struggle to maintain fiscal responsibility amidst financial constraints, the Board undertook a number of projects designed to bring Town Hall into compliance with ADA and begin to address the many deferred maintenance issues in Town Hall. The ADA entrance ramp was completed in December, a new roof was put on the main Town Hall structure and a window replacement program began, thanks to Town Meeting support for these individual projects.

During most of the year, the Board, led by Eldon Moreira, was very outspoken in its opposition for a proposal to build a Transfer Station/Recycling Center in Brockton on the West

Bridgewater line. The largest concern is the number of 18-wheel trucks coursing through the Town's main roads and the gridlock this will cause at the Main Street and Route 106 intersection.

One major accomplishment the Board saw this year was the bringing to Town Meeting of the new Zoning By-Laws. This project was 8 years in the making. Another major project the Selectmen supported and furthered was the Road Reclamation Program for Diamond Hill Estates.

In addition to all of this, our office continues to be the Local Licensing Authority and Appointing Authority. The Board represents the Town of West Bridgewater in connection with the activities of the Old Colony Planning Council, Brockton Area Transit Authority, Plymouth County Advisory Board, Plymouth County Selectmen's Association and the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association. In May, Richard Freitas was again appointed to the volunteer position of Parking Clerk. The Selectmen also contribute a great deal of their time to volunteer projects such as the Beautification Committee and the Stars and Stripes, the Memorial and Veterans Day celebration and many other activities.

The Selectmen, once again, wish to commend our Administrative Assistant, Beth Faricy. As our liaison to the community and the many employees, boards and commissions that serve the Town, she has the responsibility of getting our votes and messages out and to meet the needs and wishes of this Board. She is also responsible for keeping this Board informed of the day-to-day business that keeps our office running smoothly. She works countless hours and has shown dedication above and beyond the call of duty.

We also wish to thank our Confidential Secretary, Donna Moore, and Assistant Confidential Secretary, Jacqueline Croker, for keeping our office organized. We know the paperwork is sometimes overwhelming, but still, they manage to keep it all in place.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD J. FREITAS, CHAIRMAN
ELDON F. MOREIRA, CLERK
JUDITH A. KINNEY, MEMBER

STATISTICS OF THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

1996 — TOWN CENSUS — 6481

PRECINCT ONE

Republican	Democrat	Libertarian	Interdependent 3rd Party
521	450	9	1
Unenrolled			
1204			

PRECINCT TWO

Republican	Democrat	Libertarian	New Alliance
384	449	5	1
Unenrolled			
1169			
Total Voters			
4193			

RESIDENCE STATISTICS

2460 — Housing Units

84 — Vacant

2402 — Families

Area of Town — 15.75 square miles

62 Miles of Water Mains

Local Road Mileage — 70

Councillor — Second District
Kelly A. Timilty

Senator in General Court
William R. Keating

Representative in General Court — Tenth Plymouth District
Christine E. Canavan

Senators in Congress
Edward M. Kennedy
John F. Kerry

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Barney Frank

1997 — Town Meeting
June 9, 1997

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April 18, 1998

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS 1996

	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
MODERATOR		
Warren E. Turner	1996	1997
TOWN CLERK		
Marion L. Leonard	1994	1997
SELECTMEN		
Judith A. Kinney	1994	1997
Richard J. Freitas	1995	1998
Eldon F. Moreira	1996	1999
ASSESSORS		
Fred R. Adams	1995	1997
DeSales Heath	1995	1998
Irving W. Puffer	1996	1999
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY		
Rita Fontinha (resigned)	1994	1997
Robert Sullivan	1994	1997
Diane McMullen	1996	1997
Anthony J. Kinahan	1995	1998
Susan Cross	1995	1998
Linda Williams	1996	1999
Barbara Roulstone	1996	1999
REGIONAL-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
Eugene Kostecki	1994	1998
SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
R. Linn Peterson	1994	1997
David Gill	1994	1997
Mark K. Burley	1995	1998
Jerry D. Lawrence	1995	1998
Eileen Flaherty	1996	1999
Jeffrey P. Russell	1996	1999
WATER COMMISSIONERS		
Donald G. Asack	1994	1997
David L. Churchill	1995	1998
John W. Noyes	1996	1999
TREE WARDEN		
Christopher D. Iannitelli	1995	1998

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	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
CONSTABLES		
Raymond L. Silva	1995	1998
Walter Thayer	1995	1998

BOARD OF HEALTH		
Edward F. Cruz	1994	1997
Marie T. Bagley	1995	1998
Sandra Asack	1996	1999

PLANNING BOARD		
Gerald Stetson	1992	1997
Grete Bohannon	1993	1998
James Henderson	1994	1999
Howard Anderson	1995	2000
Hugh Hurley	1996	2001

HOUSING AUTHORITY		
Raymund Rogers (State Appointee)	1992	1997
Bradford Piesco	1996	1998
Richard J. Freitas	1994	1999
John Cruz	1993	1998
Joan K. Johnson	1996	2001

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Elizabeth D. Faricy

ADMINISTRATOR OF INSURANCE

Elizabeth D. Faricy Ronald W. Pacy (resigned)

BOARD OF APPEALS

George O. Merritt	1992	1997
Lars (Gary) Eliasson	1993	1998
Michael D. Feresten	1994	1999
Walter Thayer	1995	2000
William E. Lucini	1996	2001

Associate Members:

James Henderson	1993	1998
John DeCosta, Jr.	1994	1999

BAY CIRCUIT GREEN BELT COMMITTEE

Howard Hayward, Rep. (Deceased)

Conservation Commission

Historical Commission

BROCKTON AREA MENTAL HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE

Vacant

BROCKTON AREA RETARDATION REPRESENTATIVE

Vacant

BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Richard J. Freitas, Designee

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Steven D. Crawford

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR

Edward Gardner

	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
BUILDING NEEDS AND USE COMMITTEE		
Richard J. Freitas	1995	1999
Thomas Dunlevy	1995	1999
Jodi-Lynne Cruz	1995	1999
Michael Centrella	1995	1999
William Bystrom	1995	1999

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Edward H. Patenaude	1994	1997
Richard Domingos	1994	1997
Julio Miglierini	1995	1998
Donald L. Miller, Jr.	1995	1998
Peter Turner	1996	1999
Michael D. Feresten	1996	1999

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Elizabeth D. Faricy

CONFIDENTIAL, SECRETARY

Donna Moore

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Howard Hayward (Deceased)	1993	1996
Ann Fagan (Resigned 10/96) (Reinstated 12/96)	1994	1997
James Lorrain	1995	1998
Peter Bergstrom	1995	1998
Joseph Souza	1996	1999

Elected **Term Expires**

COUNCIL ON AGING

Jacqueline Barber		1997
Anna E. Brown	1994	1997
Irene Willis	1994	1997
David J. Cohen	1994	1997
Lloyd Sears	1995	1998
Frank Nelson	1995	1998
George Massey		1998
Frank Nelson, Jr.	1995	1998
Virginia T. Michael	1996	1999
Pauline Peterson	1996	1999

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Lisa Companeschi	1995	1998
Kathleen Massey	1995	1998
Linda Kurinskas	1995	1998
Lorraine Mardo	1995	1998
Robert Kellogg	1994	1997
Michael Feresten (resigned)		

DOG OFFICER

Julie Vivace

DRURY BELL COMMITTEE

Richard J. Freitas	Eldon F. Moreira	Judith A. Kinney
	Vacancy	

FENCE VIEWERS

Joseph Souza	Harold Hallberg	Hugh Hurley
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FIELD DRIVERS

George Kinney	George Richardson	Howard A. Anderson
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FINANCE COMMITTEE — BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON

Elizabeth D. Faricy

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Leonard T. Hunt

HANDICAPPED ACCESS COMMITTEE

Virginia T. Michael	Kevan Sullivan	Bruce Holmquist
	Grace Bjorklund	

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

Leonard T. Hunt

HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Raymund Rogers Phyllis Bickford Paul Golder
Ronald Broman Gary Keith S. Erick Benson

Elected **Term Expires**

HERITAGE CAPSULE CUSTODIANS

Joan McAndrew	1995	1998
Vacancy	1994	1997
Vacancy	1993	1996

HERRING WARDEN

Thomas B. MacQuinn Donald E. Jenness, Sr., Deputy Joseph Souza, Deputy

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Jodi-Lynne Cruz	1994	1997
Christopher Werner	1994	1997
Vacancy	1994	1997
John Newell	1995	1998
Vacancy	1996	1999

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

David L. Churchill	1992	1997
Robert DeMarino	1993	1998
Lars (Gary) Eliasson	1992	1997
Vacancy		2001
Samuel Read	1996	2001

Advisory Committee:

Vacancy		2000
Vacancy		2000

LOCKUP KEEPER

Walter Thayer

MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE

Robert Splitz Michael D. Feresten Michael Centrella

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

Judith A. Kinney Marion Leonard Richard McMahon
Bruce Holmquist Robert Kominsky

MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

Charles R. Barros	1994	1997
Irene Churchill	1995	1998
Kathleen Norville	1994	1997
Robert McKean	1996	1999

O.C.P.C. AREA AGENCY ON AGING

David Cohen, Delegate Pauline Peterson, Alternate

	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL		
Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate	1995	1998
Vacancy	1995	1998

**OLD COLONY OVERALL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE**
Vacancy

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Thomas Greene, Delegate Richard J. Freitas, Alternate

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES, INC.
Joan K. Johnson, Delegate Mary D. Keylor, Alternate
George Massey, Alternate

OLD COLONY SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE
Vacancy

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Howard M. Hayward (Deceased)

PARKING CLERK
Richard J. Freitas

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL DESIGNEE
Eldon F. Moreira

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR
Joseph Donovan

POLICE CHIEF
Howard R. Anderson (Retired)
Robert W. Kominsky

PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT		
Christopher D. Iannitelli	1995	1998

RECREATION COMMISSION
Inactive

RECYCLING COMMITTEE
John S. Newell, III

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS		
Francis J. Boyd	1994	1997
Marion L. Leonard	1994	1997
Anna E. Brown	1995	1998
Janet Merritt	1996	1999

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Herbert A. Wolfer

SENIOR SITE SEARCH COMMITTEE

David J. Cohen	Anna E. Brown	Richard J. Freitas
Frank W. Nelson, Jr.	Joan K. Johnson	Elizabeth Faricy
Lloyd Sears	Eldon F. Moreira	Howard R. Anderson

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Thomas C. Green, Acting Superintendent

TENNIS COURT COMMITTEE

Marianne Lurray	Kevin Kelley	Ethel T. Fisher, Honorary
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TOWN COUNCIL

John P. Lee, Esquire

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Thomas B. MacQuinn	Christopher D. Iannitelli
Keith R. Hahl	George Kinney

TOWN PARK COMMITTEE

Bruce Holmquist	Marian MacDonald	Christopher Iannitelli
Christopher Werner	Jerry Lawrence	Jac MacDonald

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

John G. Duggan

VETERANS AGENT

Armen Amerigian

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL

Richard Krugger, Jr.

WIRING INSPECTOR

Albert K. Greiner

ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR

Albert M. Greiner

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joanna Savage	Marion Loughman	Henry Bishop
Paul Sheedy		Michael Manugian

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Raymond L. Silva		Robert L. Kellie
Vacancy	Vacancy	Vacancy

**BUSINESSMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO
BY-LAW STUDY COMMITTEE**

Irene Churchill
Walter Thayer

Merton Ouderkirk (deceased)

Paul Colandrea
John Peterson

FINANCE COMMITTEE

	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
William D. Pope (resigned)	1994	1997
Eileen M. Flaherty (resigned)	1994	1997
Jodi-Lynne Cruz	1994	1997
Peter Grant	1996	1997
Steven Evans	1995	1998
Richard Heath	1995	1998
Sonja Bolmant (resigned)	1995	1998
Donna Petronelli	1996	1998
Richard Heath	1995	1998
M. Lynne Tartaglia	1996	1999
Pamela Humphreys	1996	1999
Robert L. Smith	1996	1999

MODERATORS COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL RESTORATION

William Pope	John F. Bottini, Jr.	Sonja Bolmant
Richard Freitas	Warren Sederberg	David Gill
Jeffrey Russell		Victor Flaherty

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

Howard A. Anderson Richard Anderson

BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICIAN

Dr. Brian Blanchette

BURIAL AGENTS

Marion L. Leonard	Nancy L. Morrison	Bruce Holmquist
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**APPOINTMENTS BY THE
CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Richard W. Gibson

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Paul R. Lanoue	Michael D. St. George	Allen A. Breer
James J. Rocha	Paul Golder	Gerald E. Stetson
Richard W. Gibson		C. Douglas Hill

LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

Following monies were received in the Town Clerk's Office and paid to the Treasurer:

Miscellaneous (includes building permits)	\$117,435.96
Fish and Game Fees	199.00
Dog Licenses	<u>6,545.00</u>
	\$124,179.96

Fish & Wildlife licenses payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	<u>11,481.15</u>
	\$135,661.11

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 1996 — 7:30 P.M.

WEST BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on January 22, 1996.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Warren E. Turner at 7:30 p.m. With 76 voters and 18 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to pay off the outstanding principal on the following capital items:

	<u>Date App'd</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Item</u>
ATM	6/13/94	19	Police Cruisers
ATM	6/13/94	20	Police Mobile Data Comp.
ATM	6/13/94	32	Forestry F800
ATM	6/13/94	33	Forestry F350

or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$88,000 TO FUND THE BALANCE OF OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL ON THE FOLLOWING CAPITAL ITEMS:

POLICE CRUISERS:	\$18,000
POLICE MOBILE DATA COMP.	35,000
FORESTRY F800 TRUCK	33,000
FORESTRY F350 TRUCK	2,000

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Annual Town Meeting vote of June 13, 1993, Article 29, authorizing the Town to borrow a sum of money to replace the boilers at the Rose L. MacDonald School and instead transfer from available funds a sum of money to replace said system, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING VOTE OF JUNE 14, 1993, ARTICLE 35, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO BORROW A SUM OF MONEY TO REPLACE THE BOILERS AT THE ROSE L. MACDONALD SCHOOL AND INSTEAD TRANSFER \$75,000 FROM FREE CASH TO REPLACE SAID SYSTEM.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Annual Town Meeting vote of June 13, 1994, Article 29, authorizing the Town to borrow a sum of money to purchase a Networked IBM Computer Laboratory for the Junior-Senior High and instead, transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase said system, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING VOTE OF JUNE 13, 1994, ARTICLE 29, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO BORROW A SUM OF MONEY TO PURCHASE A NETWORKED IBM COMPUTER LABORATORY FOR THE JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH AND INSTEAD TRANSFER \$40,000 FROM FREE CASH TO PURCHASE SAID SYSTEM.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Annual Town Meeting vote of June 5, 1995 Article 17, authorizing the Town to borrow a sum of money to purchase and install an in-house computer system for the Police Department and instead transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase and install said system, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING VOTE OF JUNE 5, 1995, ARTICLE 17, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO BORROW A SUM OF MONEY TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL AN IN-HOUSE COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND INSTEAD TO TRANSFER \$45,000 FROM FREE CASH TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL SAID SYSTEM.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to satisfy the Town's obligation incurred by Town Meeting vote of July 15, 1993, Article 1 in accordance with Section 83 of Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1993, which provided for an Early Retirement Incentive Program for Teachers or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER \$264,203 FROM FREE CASH TO SATISFY THE TOWN'S OBLIGATION INCURRED BY TOWN MEETING VOTE OF JULY 15, 1993, ARTICLE 1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 83 OF CHAPTER 71 OF THE ACTS OF 1993, WHICH PROVIDED FOR AN EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS.

AMENDMENT FROM FLOOR TO CHANGE DOLLAR AMOUNT TO \$235,999 UPON COUNTED VOTE, AMENDMENT PASSED. YES - 54 NO - 27 UPON VOTE, AMENDED MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER \$188,737 FROM FREE CASH TO THE STABILIZATION FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 40, SEC. 5B.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Annual Town Meeting vote of June 14, 1993, Article 34, authorizing the Town to borrow a sum of money to update the fire alarm system at the West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RESCIND THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING VOTE OF JUNE 14, 1993, ARTICLE 34, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO BORROW \$18,000 TO UPDATE THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE WEST BRIDGEWATER JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the balance of borrowing authorized, but never issued at the May 29th Town Meetings of 1987 under Article 21 for the replacement of boilers at the West Bridgewater High School, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RESCIND THE BALANCE OF \$53,000 FOR BORROWING AUTHORIZED, BUT NEVER ISSUED, AT THE MAY 19TH TOWN MEETING OF 1987 UNDER ARTICLE 21 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BOILERS AT THE WEST BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the balance of borrowing authorized, but never issued, at the Annual Town Meeting of June 13, 1994, Article 33 for the purchase of an F350 Forestry Truck, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RESCIND THE BALANCE OF \$2,000 FOR BORROWING AUTHORIZED, BUT NEVER ISSUED, AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF JUNE 13, 1994, ARTICLE 33 FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN F350 FORESTRY TRUCK.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the balance of borrowing authorized, but never issued, at the Annual Town Meeting June 13, 1994, Article 34 for the purchase of Voting Machines, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RESCIND THE BALANCE OF \$4,000 FOR BORROWING AUTHORIZED, BUT NEVER ISSUED, AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF JUNE 13, 1994, ARTICLE 34 FOR THE PURCHASE OF VOTING MACHINES.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to allow the School Committee to transfer control of approximately one and one-half acres, more or less, of Town owned land off West Center Street to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of constructing a Senior Center and appurtenant facilities or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO TRANSFER CONTROL OF A PARCEL OF LAND ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WEST CENTER STREET, BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A CONCRETE BOUND IN THE NORTHERLY LINE OF WEST CENTER STREET, SAID BOUND BEING THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED;

THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 38' 52" WEST BY A STONE WALL AND OTHER LAND OF THE TOWN UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, A DISTANCE OF 197.87 FEET TO A POINT FOR THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID PARCEL;

THENCE BY OTHER LAND OF THE TOWN UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSES: NORTH 70 DEGREES 00' 00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 268.56 FEET AND SOUTH 20 DEGREES 00' 00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 250.00 FEET TO A POINT IN THE NORTHERLY LINE OF WEST CENTER STREET;

THENCE IN THE NORTHERLY LINE OF WEST CENTER STREET SOUTH 80 DEGREES 36' 28" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 285.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

MEANING AND INTENDING TO DESCRIBE A PARCEL OF LAND 1.41 ACRES MORE OR LESS (61,541 SQUARE FEET) IN AREA AS SHOWN ON "PLAN OF LAND IN WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS, OWNED BY THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER. DATED JANUARY 27, 1996" FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN. SAID PARCEL OF LAND TO REMAIN UNDER THE EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING A SENIOR CENTER FACILITY. THERE IS ALSO TRANSFERRED ALL RIGHTS OF EASEMENT TO CONSTRUCT AND INSTALL SUCH UTILITIES AS INCLUDING SEWERAGE AS MAY BE REQUIRED AND APPROVED BY THE REGULATORY AGENCIES OF THE TOWN AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROVIDED THAT THERE BE NO DIRECT EXPENSE TO THE SCHOOLS OR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT TO EFFECT SUCH INSTALLATION AND TO MAINTAIN THAT PORTION OF THE UTILITIES INSTALLED. FURTHER IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IN THE EVENT A SENIOR FACILITY IS NOT CONSTRUCTED OR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS ELAPSES WITHOUT CONSTRUCTION HAVING STARTED, THE CONTROL OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LAND WILL REVERT TO THE CONTROL OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNLESS THERE BE A REAFFIRMATION OF THIS TRANSFER AGREEMENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-laws of the Town of West Bridgewater, Article II "Procedure at Town Meetings" by adding the following as part of and at the end of Section 8:

"If defeated, a Motion to reconsider or rescind any vote may not be made again. A motion to reconsider may be denied by the Moderator, the motion made is arbitrary, capricious or made as a parliamentary maneuver, and is totally lacking in new or compelling reason."

or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE BYLAWS OF THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, ARTICLE II "PROCEDURE OF TOWN MEETINGS" BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING AS PART OF AND AT THE END OF SECTION 8:

"IF DEFEATED, A MOTION TO RECONSIDER ANY VOTE MAY NOT BE MADE AGAIN. A MOTION TO RECONSIDER MAY BE DENIED BY THE MODERATOR, IF, IN THE OPINION OF THE MODERATOR, THE MOTION MADE IS ARBITRARY CAPRICIOUS OR MADE AS A PARLIAMENTARY MANEUVER, AND IS TOTALLY LACKING IN NEW OR COMPELLING REASON."

UPON COUNTED VOTE, MOTION PASSED. YES 36 — NO 28

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-laws of the Town of West Bridgewater, Article II "Procedure at Town Meetings" by adding the following two sections after Section 8 and renumbering the present Section 9 through 10 as Sections 11 and 12 respectively:

"Section 9. Any voter may immediately rise to question the determination of a voice vote by the voters, may request a counted vote.

Section 10. A ballot vote on any article may be requested by the Selectmen, the Finance Committee or Town Moderator. Also, any voter from the floor may request a ballot vote if supported by twenty (20) other voters standing in his/her interest." or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, ARTICLE II, "PROCEDURE AT TOWN MEETING" BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING TWO SECTIONS AFTER SECTION 8 AND RENUMBERING THE PRESENT SECTIONS 9 THROUGH 10 AS SECTIONS 11 AND 12 RESPECTIVELY:

"SECTION 9. ANY VOTER MAY IMMEDIATELY RISE TO QUESTION THE DETERMINATION OF A VOICE VOTE BY THE MODERATOR, AND IF SUPPORTED BY SIX (6) OR MORE VOTERS, MAY REQUEST A COUNTED VOTE.

SECTION 10. A BALLOT VOTE ON ANY ARTICLE MAY BE REQUESTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, FINANCE COMMITTEE OR TOWN MODERATOR. ALSO, ANY VOTER FROM THE FLOOR MAY REQUEST A BALLOT VOTE IF SUPPORTED BY TWENTY (20) OTHER VOTERS STANDING IN HIS/HER INTEREST.

AMENDMENT FROM FLOOR TO CHANGE SUPPORTED BY 20 OR MORE TO 7 OR MORE VOTERS.

SECOND AMENDMENT FROM FLOOR TO STRIKE "STANDING IN HIS/HER INTEREST;" (LAST FOUR WORDS).

UPON VOTE SECOND AMENDMENT PASSED BY A MAJORITY.

UPON VOTE FIRST AMENDMENT PASSED BY A MAJORITY.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY, AS AMENDED.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of West Bridgewater by adding Article XLIII:

“Article XLIII: — The Town Moderator Section 1: The Town Moderator shall be elected at the Annual Town Election for a Term of three (3) years.”

or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER BY ADDING ARTICLE XLIII:

“ARTICLE XLIII: — THE TOWN MODERATOR SECTION 1: THE TOWN MODERATOR SHALL BE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS.”

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 15. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:32 P.M.

UPON VOTE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 5, 1996

The Presidential Primary Election was held at the Spring Street School on Tuesday, March 5, 1996. The Warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen, was posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of the Town.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The voting machines were inspected by the police officer on duty and the Wardens and printed out zero totals. A total of 2,500 ballots were given to Wardens Bruce Holmquist and George Richardson and a receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m., the voting machines showed a total 763 votes cast.

The following workers were sworn in:

Precinct 1. Bruce Holmquist, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Barbara Tufts, Helen Nelson, Lois Flaherty, Karolyn Boyd, Checkers; Anna Brown, Kevan Sullivan, Pamela Humphreys, Tally.

Precinct 2. George Richardson, Warden; Paul McMahon, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Nancy Consolazio, Meredith Lightfoot, Barbara Cohen, Checkers; Joann Sillars, Kevin Kelley, Theresa Boardman, Tally.

Eric Hohengasser and Timothy Pope assisted with setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The results were as follows:

REPUBLICAN

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	Prec. I	Prec. II	Total
Richard G. Lugar	0	5	5
Morry Taylor	2	1	3
Phil Gramm	0	1	1
Patrick J. Buchanan	77	129	206
Bob Dole	114	171	285
Steve Forbes	38	31	69
Lamar Alexander	25	26	51
Alan Keyes	4	5	9
Robert K. Dornan	1	0	1
No Preference	5	5	10
Blanks	2	3	5

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Jeffrey L. Tufts	151	232	383
Blanks	117	144	261

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Holly J. Robichaud	154	224	378
Deborah K. Markson	52	62	114
Blanks	63	90	153

TOWN COMMITTEE

Daniel G. West	122	183	305
William E. McCole	125	180	305
Lois E. Barros	137	182	319
Charles R. Barros	141	191	332
David A. Gill	136	198	334
Barbara A. Knight	125	183	308
Richard A. Knight	125	178	303
Chalmer P. Bumpus	130	195	325
Katherine M. Turner	130	190	320
Mary Lynne Tartaglia	130	189	319
Jodi Cruz	146	209	355
Donna Petronelli	139	199	338
Eldon F. Moreira	154	222	376
Richard J. Freitas	152	224	376
Judith A. Kinney	152	236	388
Lars Gary Eliasson	138	196	334

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Total
TOWN COMMITTEE (continued)			
Irene M. Churchill	133	201	334
David L. Churchill	137	202	339
Warren E. Turner	144	217	361
Elizabeth G. Turner	133	193	326
Peter W. Turner	130	189	319
Robert L. Smith	136	192	328
Quentin S. Holmes	139	189	328
Fiona S. Miller	129	190	319
Betty Alden Miller	132	193	325
Mark Eugenio	120	178	298
DeSales Heath	141	196	337
John Cruz	158	225	383
Marie A. McCole	122	178	300
Jonathan W. Asker	152	205	357
Paul McMahan (write-in)	1	0	1
Maria Carey (write-in)	4	13	17
Thomas Kilpatrick (write-in)	1	0	1
Ronald Snell (write-in)	3	1	4
Joseph Braga (write-in)	1	0	1
Richard Cavallaro (write-in)	0	1	1
Blanks	5254	7245	12499

DEMOCRATIC

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	Prec. I	Prec. II	Total
Bill Clinton	48	47	95
Lyndon H. LaRouche	0	4	4
No Preference	5	5	10
Blanks	2	5	7

STATE COMMITTEE MAN			
William R. Keating	51	44	95
No Preference	0	0	0
Blanks	4	17	21

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN			
Sally A. Linton	46	45	91
No Preference	0	0	0
Blanks	9	16	25

TOWN COMMITTEE			
Kevin John Kelley	42	39	81
Donald MacDonald	43	41	84
Diane L. Perry	45	41	86
Richard E. Krugger, Jr.	43	40	83
Francis J. Boyd	46	43	89
David A. Perry	44	40	84
Marilyn A. Raleigh	43	44	87

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Total
TOWN COMMITTEE (continued)			
Joseph F. Linehan	47	45	92
Paul McMahan	48	36	84
Neil Conley	44	36	80
Blanks	655	815	1470

LIBERTARIAN

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Total
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE			
Harry Browne	2	0	2
Rick Tompkins	0	0	0
Irwin Schiff	0	0	0
No Preference	1	0	1

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

No Candidates

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

No Candidates

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION APRIL 13, 1996

The Annual Town Election was held at the Spring Street School on Saturday, April 13, 1996. The Warrant, issued lay tile Board of Selectmen, was posted by the Constable, Raymond L. Silva, on March 28, 1996, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws.

Specimen Ballots, cards of instructions and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the laws of the Commonwealth.

The polls were opened at 9:00 a.m. The voting machines printed out zero total. A total of 3000 ballots were given to Wardens Bruce Holmquist and Paul McMahan.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m., the voting machines registered a total of 1194 votes cast.

The following were sworn in:

Precinct I. Paul McMahan, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Marilyn Raleigh, Barbara Tufts, Karolyn Boyd, Helen Johnson, Checkers; Kevin Kelley, George Merritt, Tally.

Precinct II. Bruce Holmquist, Warden, Donald MacDonald, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Helen Nelson, Meredith Lightfoot, Barbara Cohen, Checkers; Joann Sillars, Pamela Humphreys, Tally.

The results were as follows:

	Prec. I	Prec . II	Total
MODERATOR, 1 YR. — Vote for One			
Warren E. Turner	439	442	881
Blanks	136	177	313
Warren E. Turner Declared Elected			
SELECTMAN, 3 YRS. — Vote for One			
Eldon F. Moreira	405	417	822
Blanks	170	202	372
Eldon F. Moreira Declared Elected			
ASSESSOR, 3 YRS. — Vote for One			
Irving W. Puffer	404	431	835
Blanks	171	188	359
Irving W. Puffer Declared Elected			
WATER COMMISSIONER, 3 YRS. — Vote for One			
John W. Noyes	442	473	915
Blanks	133	146	279
John W. Noyes Declared Elected			
LIBRARY TRUSTEES, 3 YRS. — Vote for Two			
James L. Grandfield	270	252	522
Barbara A. Roulstone	289	338	627
Linda E. Williams	288	366	654
Blanks	302	282	584
Barbara A. Roulstone & Linda E. Williams Declared Elected			
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 3 YRS. — Vote for Two			
Jeffrey P. Russell	320	377	697
Linda A. Santry	210	231	441
Eileen Flaherty	261	260	521
Donna Petronelli	217	228	445
Blanks	142	142	284
Jeffrey P. Russell & Eileen Flaherty Declared Elected			
BOARD OF HEALTH, 3 YRS. — Vote for One			
Sandra L. Asack	301	312	613
Robert A. Sullivan	233	269	502
Blanks	41	38	79
Sandra Asack Declared Elected			
PLANNING BOARD, 5 YRS. — Vote for One			
Hugh R. Hurley	422	450	872
Blanks	153	169	322
Hugh Hurley Declared Elected			

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Total
HOUSING AUTHORITY, 5 YRS. — Vote for One			
Joan K. Johnson	422	440	862
Blanks	153	179	332
Joan K. Johnson Declared Elected			

HOUSING AUTHORITY, 2 YRS. — Vote for One			
Bradford W. Piesco	423	452	875
Blanks	152	167	319
Bradford W. Piesco Declared Elected			

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 10, 1996 — 7:30 PM

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on May 30, 1996.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Warren E. Turner in the gymnasium of West Bridgewater Junior-Senior High School at 7:30 p.m.

With 103 qualified voters and twenty guests present, the meeting proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To hear reports of all Town Officers and act thereon.

MOVE: THAT THE REPORTS OF ALL TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN THE 1995 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1996.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1996.

Moderator	Tree Warden
Board of Selectmen	Board of Assessors
Town Clerk	Water Commissioners
Board of Health	

The following officers to serve without pay:
 Library Trustees School Committee
 Planning Board
 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE SALARIES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1996 BE SET AT:

MODERATOR	\$ 235.00
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$ 7,280.00
TOWN CLERK	\$ 35,000.00
TREE WARDEN	\$ 1,082.00
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	\$ 7,396.00
WATER COMMISSIONERS	\$ 5,120.00
BOARD OF HEALTH	\$ 1,740.00

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS TO SERVE WITHOUT PAY: LIBRARY TRUSTEES, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, PLANNING BOARD.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

At 7:45 the Annual Town Meeting recessed so a Special Town Meeting could be held.

Annual Town Meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1996 and to make appropriations for the same, or take action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$10,951,451 FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE TOWN AND OTHER USUAL OR NECESSARY TOWN CHARGES AS HEREIN SPECIFIED AND REQUESTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1996, FOR THE PURPOSES HEREIN DESCRIBED AND FURTHER THAT THE SUM OF \$10,288,827 BE RAISED AND THE SUM OF \$662,624 BE TRANSFERRED AS FOLLOWS:

From Water Estimated Revenues to:	Water Dept.	550,264.
From Emergency Medical Services Receipts to:	Emer. Med Serv	110,560.
From Conservation Wetland protection fund to:	Conserv. Comm	1,800.

DEPARTMENT BUDGETS PRINTED IN THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HANDBOOK.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E $\frac{1}{2}$, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council of Aging's Social Day Care Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$25,570 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E $\frac{1}{2}$, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING'S SOCIAL DAY CARE PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO BE EXPENDED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES, THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE EXPENDED FROM SUCH FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 1997 SHALL NOT EXCEED \$25,570.00 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E $\frac{1}{2}$, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Nutrition Program to be used by the Council to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit of \$15,816 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E $\frac{1}{2}$, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REVOLVING FUND FOR RECEIPTS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING FROM THE OPERATION OF ITS NUTRITION PROGRAM, SUCH FUND TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES NEEDED TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO BE EXPENDED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES. THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE EXPENDED FROM SUCH FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 1997 SHALL NOT EXCEED \$15,816.00 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E $\frac{1}{2}$, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for the purchase of books and materials for said Library and to be used for the purchase of books and materials for said Library and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$3,000.00 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E $\frac{1}{2}$,

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REVOLVING FUND FOR RECEIPTS RECEIVED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY FROM FINES AND FEES, SUCH FUND TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS FOR SAID LIBRARY AND TO BE EXPENDED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR. THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE EXPENDED FROM SUCH FUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR 1997 SHALL NOT EXCEED \$3,000.00 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees for the purchase of a personal computer package complete with a CD ROM, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PERSONAL COMPUTER PACKAGE COMPLETE WITH A CD ROM.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to replace/update electrical equipment in the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO REPLACE/UPDATE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to replace/upgrade hoses and fittings in the Fire Department or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,500.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO REPLACE/UPGRADE HOSES AND FITTINGS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new Chipper for the Forestry Department, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$20,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A NEW CHIPPER FOR THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to acquire architectural and engineering design work for the construction of a combined Highway/Forestry/Fleet Maintenance Center, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$30,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACQUIRE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMBINED HIGHWAY/FORESTRY/FLEET MAINTENANCE CENTER.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to repair the Highway Department's CAT Loader or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$20,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO REPAIR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT'S CAT LOADER.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase one (1) new cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one (1) older cruiser in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$24,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE ONE (1) NEW CRUISER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN TO DISPOSE OF ONE (1) OLDER CRUISER IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY .

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a copier for the Police Department or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A COPIER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to lease/purchase the

first year of a multi-year contract for Network Computer Labs at Howard School, Rose L. MacDonald and the Middle/Senior High School or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$40,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO LEASE/PURCHASE THE FIRST YEAR OF A MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT FOR NETWORK COMPUTER LABS AT HOWARD SCHOOL, ROSE L. MACDONALD AND THE MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a central copier machine for Town Hall or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$8,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A CENTRAL COPIER MACHINE FOR TOWN HALL.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and install a new mainframe computer system for Town Hall with the necessary hardware and software to connect with the School's Business Office or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$90,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A NEW MAINFRAME COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR TOWN HALL WITH THE NECESSARY HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE TO CONNECT WITH THE SCHOOL'S BUSINESS OFFICE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to fund improvements to the existing Town Hall structure, replace the existing roof with a new one consisting of 25-year fiberglass shingles, installed over 151b asphalt felt or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$18,673 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING TOWN HALL STRUCTURE, REPLACE THE EXISTING ROOF WITH A NEW ONE CONSISTING OF 25-YEAR FIBERGLASS SHINGLES, INSTALLED OVER 15LB. ASPHALT FELT.

AMENDMENT FROM FLOOR: STRIKE OUT WORDS "FIBERGLASS SHINGLES" .

UPON VOTE, AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY,
UPON VOTE, MOTION, AS AMENDED, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to fund improvements to the existing Town hall structure, replace existing windows with energy-efficient low-maintenance windows or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$38,170.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING TOWN HALL STRUCTURE, REPLACE EXISTING WINDOWS WITH ENERGY EFFICIENT, LOW-MAINTENANCE WINDOWS,

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to fund improvements to the existing Town Hall structure, to power wash the existing siding, repair and replace any missing siding, repair or replace the down spouts and gutters as necessary and to paint the exterior wood trim or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$17,500.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING TOWN HALL STRUCTURE, TO POWER WASH THE EXISTING SIDING, REPAIR AND REPLACE ANY MISSING SIDING, REPAIR OR REPLACE THE DOWN SPOUTS AND GUTTERS AS NECESSARY AND TO PAINT THE EXTERIOR WOOD TRIM.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to provide dog kennel services to the town.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,300 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PROVIDE DOG KENNEL SERVICES TO THE TOWN.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and install a copier machine for the Selectmen's office or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$8,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A COPIER MACHINE FOR THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to establish a reserve for wage increases for General Government employees for FY97 subject to contract negotiations and appropriate Town Meeting approval.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$70,000.00 TO ESTABLISH A RESERVE FOR WAGE INCREASES FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FOR FY97 SUBJECT TO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND APPROPRIATE TOWN MEETING APPROVAL.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement, to meet the State's share of the cost of work for State aid construction, and maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: PASS WITHOUT ACTION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY .

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase water meters and related reading equipment or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM WATER REVENUE THE SUM OF \$15,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE WATER METERS AND RELATED READING EQUIPMENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to construct a building and equip it with pumps, meters tanks, controls, and any other equipment to be used in a corrosion control treatment program. The work to be carried out by a combination of Town employees, general contractors and subcontractors in the best interest of the Town.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM WATER REVENUE THE SUM OF \$40,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS TO CONSTRUCT A BUILDING AND EQUIP IT WITH PUMPS, METERS, TANKS CONTROLS AND ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN A CORROSION CONTROL TREATMENT PROGRAM, THE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT BY A COMBINATION OF TOWN EMPLOYEES, GENERAL CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners for the installation of a SCADA Tracking System or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM WATER REVENUE THE SUM OF \$15,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SCADA TRACKING SYSTEM.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners for the first year funding the purchase of a dump truck or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM WATER REVENUE THE SUM OF \$25,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS FOR THE FIRST YEAR FUNDING OF THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to clean Well #1 on Cyr Street or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM WATER REVENUE THE SUM OF \$8,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS TO CLEAN WELL #1 ON CYR STREET.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY .

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to acquire the engineering mapped layout of the Town's Aquifer Protection Zone 2 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE FROM WATER REVENUE THE SUM OF \$2,000.00 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS TO ACQUIRE THE ENGINEERING MAPPED LAYOUT OF THE TOWN'S AQUIFER PROTECTION ZONE 2.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY .

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote that: "Prohibition Regarding The Sale Of "Cigarette Rolling Papers:" No person or retail business shall sell, or offer for sale, nor display any cigarette rolling paper in the Town of West Bridgewater. Any person or retail business which violates this by-law shall be punished by fine of \$100.00 for each offense.

MOVE: PASS WITHOUT ACTION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to foster regional approaches to solving governmental problems and to delivering services more effectively and efficiently by entering into an inter-municipal agreement with other cities and towns lying within Bristol, Norfolk and Plymouth Counties to formally create and implement the Southeastern Regional Services Group, such Agreement to be in conformance with and subject to the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 4A of the Massachusetts General Laws and to contain such other terms and conditions as are mutually agreeable to the Chief Executive Officers of the SERSG member communities or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS LYING WITHIN BRISTOL, NORFOLK AND PLYMOUTH COUNTIES TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP, SUCH AGREEMENT TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 40, SECTION 4A AND TO CONTAIN SUCH OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS ARE MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE SERSG MEMBER COMMUNITIES.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will accept a gift of land known as Lot 10 in the subdivision known as Mill Pond Estates from Jamestown Builders, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: PASS WITHOUT ACTION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept a change in Chapter 59 Section 5, Clause 41A to adopt a higher maximum qualifying gross receipts amount to a maximum of \$40,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ADOPT A HIGHER MAXIMUM QUALIFYING GROSS RECEIPTS AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5, CLAUSE 41A.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY .

ARTICLE 36. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

MOVE: TO HAVE THE SELECTMEN INVESTIGATE THE LEGALITIES OF ERECTING SIGNS ADVERTISING SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS, 14 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF SAID MEETING AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF SAID MEETING, FOLLOWING WHICH, AS ALLOWED BY LAW ERECT SUCH SIGNS AS A TASK OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ON ALL MAJOR THOROUGHFARES IN THE TOWN. (MOTION MADE BY LANCE ROBSON, 160 SAMUEL AVENUE, WEST BRIDGEWATER.)

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:09 PM.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 10, 1996

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on May 23, 1996.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Warren E. Turner in the gymnasium of West Bridgewater Junior-Senior High School at 7:30 p.m.

With 103 qualified voters and twenty guests present, the meeting proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 1996, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$128,500 to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 1996.

From:	Free Cash	\$ 28,200
	Insurance	4,000
	Election/Registration	2,500
	Self Help Outreach	3,500
	Highway Construction	11,000
	Short-term interest	10,000
	Employee Benefits	40,500
	Street Sweeper Art.	8,800
	Finance Comm. Reserve	<u>20,000</u>
		\$128,500
To:	School Department	\$ 90,000
	Veterans Services	3,000
	Town Counsel	24,500
	Highway Administration	5,000
	Waste Disposal	<u>6,000</u>
		\$128,500

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay old bills for FY95 or take any action reactive thereto.

MOVE: To pass without action.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus to the Water Department Operating Budget (4500) a sum of money to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 1996 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from Water Surplus to the water operating budget \$22,900.00 to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 1996.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 4. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION SEPTEMBER 17, 1996

The State Primary Election was held on Tuesday, September 17, 1996 at Spring Street School. The Warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen, was posted by the Constable, Raymond L. Silva, in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth.

Specimen Ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the laws of the Commonwealth.

The Polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. The electronic voting machines printed out zero balances in both precincts. A total of 2625 ballots were given to Warden Bruce Holmquist and 2625 to Warden Paul McMahon and receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same. At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m., the voting machines showed the following number of ballots cast:

240	Republicans
274	Democrats

The following were sworn in as election officials:

Precinct 1: Paul McMahon, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Marie Bagley, Barbara Tufts, George Richardson, Linda Craig, Checkers; George Merritt, Kevin Kelley, Tally.

Precinct 2: Bruce Holmquist, Warden; Donald MacDonald, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Jacqueline Croker, Beverly Reynolds, Meredith Lightfoot, Checkers; Joann Sillars, Pamela Humphreys, Tally. Eric Hohengasser and Matt MurLay assisted with setting up and taking down the polling equipment.

The following results were announced:

REPUBLICAN

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Total
GOVERNOR			
William F. Weld	118	85	203
Blanks	17	20	37
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
Guy A. Carbone	49	44	93
Jonathan P. Raymond	66	46	112
Blanks	20	15	35
COUNCILLOR			
Blanks	135	105	240
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT			
Blanks	135	105	240
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT			
Blanks	135	105	240
REGISTER OF PROBATE			
Donald W. Hansen	83	62	145
Blanks	52	43	95
COUNTY TREASURER			
Matthew C. Striggles	103	68	171
Blanks	32	37	69
COUNTY COMMISSIONER			
Peter Paulding	75	52	127
Charles M. Toupence	54	59	113
Blanks	141	99	240
DISTRICT ATTORNEY			
Michael J. Sullivan	115	91	206
Blanks	20	14	34
SHERIFF			
Peter Forman	111	80	191
Blanks	24	25	49

DEMOCRAT

SENATOR IN CONGRESS			
John F. Kerry	92	100	192
Blanks	38	44	82
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
Barney Frank	92	92	184
Blanks	38	52	90

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Total
COUNCILLOR			
Kelly A. Timilty	79	85	164
Blanks	51	59	110
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT			
William R. Keating	82	90	172
Blanks	48	54	102
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT			
Christine E. Canavan	97	92	189
Blanks	33	52	85
REGISTER OF PROBATE			
John J. Daley	83	96	179
Blanks	47	48	95
COUNTY TREASURER			
John F. McLellan	66	74	140
Marc Lucas	32	35	67
Blanks	32	35	67
COUNTY COMMISSIONER			
Peter G. Asiaf, Jr.	83	90	173
Albert R. Cavanagh	16	22	38
Francis C. Gauss	42	45	87
Joseph F. McDonough	36	32	68
Blanks	83	99	182
DISTRICT ATTORNEY			
John R. Buckley, Jr.	88	94	182
Blanks	42	50	92
SHERIFF			
Patricia A. Lawton	60	84	144
Charles B. Lincoln	64	58	122
Blanks	6	2	8

There were no candidates or no votes cast for the Libertarian Party.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 1996

The State Election was held at the Spring Street School on Tuesday, November 5, 1996. The Warrant was issued by the Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Speciman Ballots, cards of instructions and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the laws of the Commonwealth.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. the voting machines showed the following number of votes cast:

Precinct I	1785
Precinct II	1611
Total	3396

The following were sworn in:

Precinct I: Paul McMahon, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Barbara Tufts, Beverly Reynolds, Helen Johnson Linda Craig, Checkers; George Merritt, Joann Sillars, Tally.

Precinct II: Bruce Holmquist, Warden; Donald MacDonald, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Lois Flaherty, Meredith Lightfoot, Barbara Cohen, Checkers; Kevin Kelley, Pamela Humphreys, Tally.

The following results were announced:

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Total
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT			
Browne and Jorgensen	9	11	20
Clinton and Gore	789	759	1548
Dole and Kemp	746	587	1333
Hagelin and Tompkins	4	5	9
Moorehead and LaRiva	2	3	5
Perot and Choate	215	225	440
Blanks	20	21	41
SENATOR IN CONGRESS			
John F. Kerry	639	652	1291
William F. Weld	1055	850	1905
Susan C. Gallagher	64	86	150
Robert C. Stowe	7	4	11
Blanks	20	19	39
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
Barney Frank	874	839	1713
Jonathan P. Raymond	822	697	1519
Blanks	89	75	164

	Prec. I	Prec . II	Total
COUNCILLOR			
Kelly A. Timilty	1016	951	1967
Blanks	769	660	1429
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT			
William R. Keating	1069	997	2066
Blanks	714	614	1328
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT			
Christine E. Canavan	1057	992	2049
John Cruz (write-in)		6	6
Blanks	728	613	1341
REGISTER OF PROBATE			
John J. Daley	814	776	1590
Donald W. Hansen	515	391	906
Sheila A. Murphy	238	236	474
Blanks	218	208	426
COUNTY TREASURER			
John F. McLellan	627	608	1235
Matthew C. Striggles	941	810	1751
Blanks	217	193	410
COUNTY COMMISSIONER			
Peter G. Asiaf	853	845	1698
Joseph F. McDonough	413	418	831
Peter Paulding	576	469	1045
Charles M. Toupençe	545	450	995
Blanks	1183	1040	2223
DISTRICT ATTORNEY			
John R. Buckley, Jr.	607	592	1199
Michael J. Sullivan	1051	912	1963
Blanks	127	107	234
SHERIFF			
Peter Forman	983	823	1806
Patricia A. Lawton	690	696	1386
Blanks	112	92	204
REGIONAL VOC . SCHOOL COMMITTEE			
Thomas W. Devine	1018	905	1923
William F. Flannery	827	737	1564
Robert A. Girardin	718	643	1361
Charles W. McDonald	756	692	1448
Ilan Fisher	290	282	572
Mindy Marcia Kempner	451	433	884
Arnold M. Kublin	182	181	363

	Prec. I	Prec. II	Total
REGIONAL VOC . SCHOOL COMMITTEE (continued)			
Edward J. Ruvich	211	198	409
Blanks	4472	3984	8456
QUESTION #1			
Yes	687	637	1324
No	716	621	1337
Blanks	382	353	735

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 1996

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on October 25, 1996.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Warren E. Turner in the gymnasium of West Bridgewater Junior-Senior High School at 7:30 p.m.

With 122 qualified voters and 6 guests present, the meeting proceeded as follows:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement, to meet the State's 100% share of the cost of work for State Aid road construction and maintenance in accordance with Chapter 204 of the Acts of 1996 for Fiscal Year 1997.

MOVE: That the Town vote to borrow the sum of \$43,696 to meet the State's 100% share of the cost of work for State Aid road construction and maintenance in accordance with Chapter 204 of the Acts of 1996 for FY97.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement, to meet the State's 100% share of the cost of work for State-Aid road construction and maintenance in accordance with Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1996.

MOVE: That the Town vote to borrow the sum of \$262,169 to meet the State's 100% share of the cost of work for State-Aid road construction and maintenance in accordance with Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1996.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to pay old bills for Fiscal year 1996 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$13,500 to pay old bills for the School Department for FY96.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to pay the balance of the Southeastern Regional Vocational School Assessment for FY97.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$61,065 to pay the balance of the Southeastern Regional Vocational Assessment for FY97.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to approve a Restricted Receipt Account for Emergency Medical Services to provide Advanced Life Support Services for the Town of West Bridgewater, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to approve a restricted receipt account in the amount of \$45,000 for Emergency Medical Services to provide Advanced Life Support Services for the Town of West Bridgewater.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Health to complete all necessary work needed to construct a new transfer station building at the Town's facility on South Elm Street and remove and dispose of the existing structure in the best interests of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to Transfer from Free Cash the Sum of \$15,000 to be expended by the Board of Health to complete all necessary work needed to construct a new Transfer Station building at the Towns facility on South Elm Street and remove and dispose of the existing structure in the best interest of the town.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase one (1) new cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one (1) older cruiser in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$24,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase one (1) new cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one (1) older cruiser in the best interest of the town.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Police Department for this year's (FY97) Service Contract for the newly installed in-house computer system or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$5,000 to be expended by the Police Department for this year's (FY97) service contract for the newly installed in-house computer system.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to create the position of Town Mechanic or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to create the position of Town Mechanic.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to fund municipal buildings repairs approved by the Municipal Building Needs Committee for FY97 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$50,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to fund Municipal Building Needs Committee for FY97.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$100,000 to the stabilization fund in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

At this time it was voted unanimously to allow Atty. Richard Dailey, representing the West Bridgewater Business Association, to speak on Article 12.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the newly codified Zoning By-Laws for the Town of West Bridgewater or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the Town vote to adopt, in accordance with the provision of Section 5 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws, the newly Codified Zoning By-Laws presented to this Town

Meeting and to substitute them in their entirety for the Town's existing Zoning By-Laws set forth in Article XXVI of the Town's General By-Laws.

UPON COUNTED VOTE, 61 - YES; 7 - NO, MOTION PASSED.

ARTICLE 13. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:45 PM, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:

Marion L. Leonard
Town Clerk

1996 BIRTHS

JANUARY

- 6 Jordan Alexander Ames John William Ames & Kerry Alana Holmgren
- 17 Jake James Lamoreaux Jeffrey John Lamoreaux & Jill Theresa Coots
- 28 David Jacob Church David Albert Church & Francine Holly Newmark
- 30 James Richard Micciantuono James Phillip Micciantuono
& Shannon Michele Ward
- 31 Kellie Louise Conneen Michael Currie Conneen & Terri Lynn Anderson

FEBRUARY

- 4 Tiffani Brianna DeMarco Christopher Joseph DeMarco
& Yariela Judith Caballero
- 9 Brooke Denise Wojciechowski John George Wojciechowski
& Brenda Jean Brennan
- 12 Shannon Lee Clancy George Patrick Clancy, Jr. & Nancy Lee Everidge
- 16 Zachary Allan Cohen Marc Allan Cohen & Heidi Marie Volkmer

MARCH

- 3 Montana Lee Safford Leon Robert Safford & Donna Jean Inman
- 4 Ellen Marie Gammons Stephen W. Gammons & Maryrose O'Brien
- 6 Jason Anthony Ross Michael James Ross & Danielle Elaine Spadea
- 12 Matthew Joseph Bertarelli James W. Bertarelli & Christine A. Kerr
- 21 Jonathan Patrick Keenan John Robert Keenan & Cheryl Elizabeth Burgess

APRIL

- 16 Timothy John Cullinane Thomas J. Cullinane & Katherine Quinn
- 16 Connor Thomas Cullinane Thomas J. Cullinane & Katherine Quinn
- 22 Robert Benjamin Rioux Robert F. Rioux & Laurie Kreutzer

MAY

- 16 Zachary Nikolas Hartblay Herman F. Hartblay & Mary Ann C. McGuinness
- 20 Conor James Thaxter Kenneth Jon Thaxter & Donna L. McCarthy
- 31 Alec Patrick Welch Kevin Lee Welch & Margaret Mary Mullins

JUNE

- 4 Francesca Marie Antonangeli Dominic Louis Antonangeli
& Leslie Ann Taylor
- 5 Justin Christopher Berglund John Paul Berglund & Kimberly Ann Neely
- 14 Whitney Anne Martenson. James Alan Martenson, Jr.
& Sheryl Elizabeth Meador
- 18 Malange Nastasia DePina Niguel Fragoso DePina
& Faustina Fatima Rodrigues
- 20 Connor Steven Vanderstreet Steven Vanderstreet
& Cindi-lu Cherie O'Connor
- 20 Monique Dasilva Joao Roque Dasilva, Sr. & Manuela Pina Araujo
- 27 Matthew James Dole David M. Dole & Margaret Jean Kiddy
- 27 Sarah Margaret Savoy Glenn Richard Savoy & Stephanie J. Casey

JULY

- 6 Cameron Michael O'Reilly Kirk James O'Reilly, Jr.
& Leah Shannon McGunnigle
- 16 Alexis Julia Murad Peter James Murad & Michele Cherie Forrester
- 17 Erik Joseph Giannelli Michael Ettore Giannelli & Stacey Ann Radley
- 18 Benjamin Roger Ferguson Roger Larry Ferguson & Julie Ann Hebb
- 18 Anna Charlotte Hartmann Robert F. Hartmann & Mary Ellen Orbaugh
- 19 Nicole Joan Madden John Leslie Madden & Michelle Joan Colandrea
- 23 Justin Paul Belmonte Paul Henry Belmonte & Lisa Ann Whitehead
- 26 Daniel Frederick White Frederick J. White & Karen Jane Dwyer

AUGUST

- 2 Tyler Daniel Taccini Daniel W. Taccini & Cynthia A. Robar
- 3 Allyson Kathryn Mills Brian K. Mills & Elena Marie Harris
- 5 Joshua Charles Hewitt Robert Edward Hewitt & Donna Jean Petranovich
- 6 Luke Philip D'Andrea Mark E. D'Andrea & Noreen P. Gordon
- 14 Keith James Fitts William R. Fitts, Jr. & Holly Jean Trop
- 16 Matthew David Goodwin David B. Goodwin & Jill Rosenfield
- 18 Daniel Jacob Luchetti Charles Francis Luchetti & Priscilla Marie Ouellette
- 22 Daniel Joseph McSolla William J. McSolla & Marylou Mitchell
- 30 Samuel Thomas Pike Thomas E. Pike & Mary Margaret Accardi

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Casey Joseph McCloud Mark McCloud & Marcia Ennis
- 7 Danielle Angelina Souza Joseph Michael Souza & Donna Marie Burns
- 10 Francis Patrick Griffin David L. Southern, Jr. & UnsuK Oh
- 13 Nicole Daniel Sammon Stephen P. Sammon & Merleen A. Murad
- 17 Brandon Xavier Bercovitz Michael J. Bercovitz & Linda J. Mancuso
- 27 Robert Joseph Carey Scott J. Carey & Robin-Anne Pulit

OCTOBER

- 5 Michelle Theresa Connolly Thomas Joseph Connolly
& Brenda Mary Madonna
- 5 Shannon Mary Connolly Thomas Joseph Connolly
& Brenda Mary Madonna
- 6 Evan Matthew Costa Emmanuel Joseph Costa & Suzanne M. Marchionda

OCTOBER (continued)

- 6 Brianna Joan Pedro Dennis A. Pedro & Kerri-Ann Cleary
- 9 Andrew Kenneth May Kenneth Joseph May & Susan Scibilia
- 17 Adrianna Marie Fazio David Vincent Fazio & Angela Marie DiMuzio
- 18 Fiona Jade Carruthers Spencer P. Carruthers & Hollianne Wood
- 27 Rebecca Grace Kuderka Michael Scott Kuderka & Catherine Ann Ench
- 31 Tyler Gage Woodford James Patrick Woodford & Maureen Frances Brady

NOVEMBER

- 14 Michael Joseph Sellers Daniel Stuart Sellers & Jody Ann Inman
- 16 Brooke Kathryn Campbell Eric Hugh Campbell
& Jacqueline Irene Tremblay
- 19 Eugene Robert Hill Christopher Michael Hill & Kerry Lee Daley
- 20 Mckayla Katherine Couite William Richard Couite & Linda Marie Adams

DECEMBER

- 1 Brett Michael Harvey Mark David Harvey & Deborah Jean Morrill
- 3 Armani Alexander Emile Tayeh Emile Chahid Tayeh
& Genevieve Grace Thomas
- 6 Sarah Margaret Creonte James Scott Creonte & Rebecca Ann Moore
- 29 Desiree Anne Bergeron Matthew McKinley Bergeron
& Kathleen Anne Allen
- 29 Jacquelyn MacKenzie Garrity Michael Francis Garrity & Nicole Ann Matta

LATE 1993 BIRTHS

SEPTEMBER

- 23 Zachary Ryan Grant Peter Edson Grant & Kathleen Meaney

LATE RECORDED 1995 BIRTHS

DECEMBER

- 28 Lucas John DeAndrade John E. DeAndrade & Kimberly Ann Kelley

1996 DEATHS

JANUARY

20 Florence Horton
24 Kevin Michael Fuller
29 Robert Alger

FEBRUARY

2 John W. Julien
3 Lawrence Weeks Shiere
6 Phyllis Olson
8 Benjamin Hugh O'Neil
21 Carol Edward Carlson

MARCH

1 Agnes Tillgren
2 Helen Mary Callahan
3 Helen Johnson
4 William John Johnson
4 Esther C. Luciani
5 Arthur Tully
10 Bertha L. Ferris
16 David James Dunlea
18 Panfilo C. Palaza
19 Edna Bernice Sawyer
22 Maureen Tosches
26 Catherine Eleanor Steeves
27 Charles Leonard
27 Ina McDonald

APRIL

3 Angelo Alphonse Croce
4 Mary Katherine Meehan
18 Agnes Ann Brown
19 James L. Barber
23 Mary Aldona Williamson
29 John S. Dudley

MAY

17 Nicolena D'Ambrosino
17 Arthur Langley, Jr.
28 Ann Pilla
29 Jessamine Blomgren

JUNE

2 Josephine Marie Gleason
9 Gerald Luca
13 Gertrude A. Sullivan
16 Mary A. Day

JULY

8 Mafalda Helen Walker
11 Timothy W. Sullivan
15 Paul J. D'Angelo, Sr.
16 Joseph R. Walker
27 Josephine DePaul
30 Jean F. Duffy

AUGUST

8 Elizabeth P. Connell
11 Elizabeth Varney
18 Almerinda Rock
23 Burns MacDonald
25 Genevieve Louise Steffen
28 Geraldine Violet Hamilton
30 Francis Joseph Frawley
30 Jane Evelyn McCarthy

SEPTEMBER

7 Virginia Diane Cochary
7 Susie Josephine Rossi
13 Richard Olson
14 Edna Hurley
19 Helen Reardon
23 Audrey Bangs
25 Earl Horton
25 James A. Murray

OCTOBER

16 John Vincent Keough
19 Mary Agnes Cruz
19 George E. Nowe, Sr.
23 Margaret M. Pitfield
24 Stephen Adolor Spillane
26 Anthony Mansulla
27 Richard B. Freitas
27 Leon Alexander Hutson

NOVEMBER

2 Nancy Bernard
3 Saverio George DiRusso
9 Howard Hayward
10 Ethel Mildred Neves
24 Annette C. Dunham
27 George R. Gregoire
28 Margaret Mildred Welch

DECEMBER

5	Lester P. Slater
10	John N. Brown
16	Charles J. Reilly
16	Juliette R. Vincent
18	Dorothy C. Pease
18	Arthur W. White
19	John F. Knowlton
22	Irma J. Sparling
23	Eleanor L. Marshalsea
26	Harland Walter Newberg
27	Mildred Susan DeMoranville
28	Florence Burt

LATE RECORDED 1995 DEATHS

DECEMBER

22	Antonio Deltufo, Jr.
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1996 MARRIAGES

JANUARY

6	Norman Edward Melendy of W. Bridgewater and Krista Ada Edwards of West Bridgewater
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FEBRUARY

10	Peter A. Dearing of Brockton and Christine Elaine Anderson of Brockton
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MARCH

1	Kirk James O'Reilly of Brockton and Leah Shannon McGunnigle of West Bridgewater
2	David Bradford Goodwin of Raynham and Jill Rosenfield of Bridgewater
3	Brian Joseph Crean of Bridgewater and Linda Marie McKenzie of Bridgewater
16	Steven Brian Micheli of Carver and Tami Anne Merrill of Carver

APRIL

6	John Stephen Tara of W. Bridgewater and Laura Lee Holmquist of W. Bridgewater
13	James F. Burke of West Bridgewater and Marcia C. Almeida of West Bridgewater
13	Steven Erick Johnson of Brockton and Pamela Sue Marlow of Brockton
14	Francis C. Deibel of W. Bridgewater and Frances Paglia of Everett

MAY

18	Brian P. Giovanoni of W. Bridgewater and Marla Joy McMahon of W. Bridgewater
25	Joseph T. Cooney of W. Bridgewater and Linda D. Lufkin of W. Bridgewater
25	William J. Mead, Jr. of W. Bridgewater and Phyllis A. Notini of W. Bridgewater
25	Richard J. Carey, Jr. of W. Bridgewater and Rachel A. Forkin of W. Bridgewater

JUNE

- 1 Shawn E. Bennett of W. Bridgewater and Kerry Ann Maloney of Brockton
- 1 Michael F. Micciche of Brockton and Audra J. Wise of W. Bridgewater
- 1 Matthew T. Pauliks of W. Bridgewater and Heather A. Meal of W. Bridgewater
- 1 Mathew A. Pratt of W. Bridgewater and Rebecca Cross of W. Bridgewater
- 1 Glenn T. Watson of W. Bridgewater and Lisa M. Doyon of Bridgewater
- 1 Paul H. Belmonte of Brockton and Lisa A. Whitehead of W. Bridgewater
- 16 Eric W. Marchand of W. Bridgewater and Melodie L. Norton of W. Bridgewater
- 30 Frederick B. Cooke of Bridgewater and Rosemary Cormier of Bridgewater

JULY

- 6 Francis G. Abbondanza, Jr. of W. Bridgewater and Stephanie M. Cristina of W. Bridgewater
- 14 Kenneth W. Kettler of Framingham and Julie E. Coelho of W. Bridgewater
- 19 John W. Noyes of W. Bridgewater and Linda M. Neagle of W. Bridgewater

AUGUST

- 3 Richard W. Flaherty of W. Bridgewater and Melissa A. Gelsi of W. Bridgewater
- 24 William R. Couite of W. Bridgewater and Linda M. Adams of West Bridgewater
- 24 Matthew D. Joyce of W. Bridgewater and Tracy A. Morrison of W. Bridgewater
- 24 Christopher A. Pratt of W. Bridgewater and Julie L. Cassidy of W. Bridgewater
- 31 Robert A. Mather of Brockton and Rosalyn D. Price of Brockton

SEPTEMBER

- 14 William A. Greene, Jr. of Easton and Jamie E. Hardiman of West Bridgewater
- 14 Walter Jerome Morse, III of W. Bridgewater and Michelle Marie Reed of W. Bridgewater
- 21 William M. Bussey of W. Bridgewater and Mary G. Willett of W. Bridgewater

OCTOBER

- 5 Christopher E. Nelson of W. Bridgewater and Jennifer A. Davis of Bridgewater
- 13 Robert D. English, Jr. of Easton and Kimberly A. Bustard of Easton
- 12 Michael A. Maraglia of W. Bridgewater and Nicole M. Baranowski
- 19 Austin R. Lyons, Jr. of E. Bridgewater and Nora Louise Crowley of Bridgewater
- 19 Kurt D. Stearns of W. Bridgewater and Dawna H. Nevens of W. Bridgewater

NOVEMBER

- 9 Henry Andrew Trask of Easton and Linda Marie Garvey of West Bridgewater
- 9 Mark T. Woelfel of Brockton and Joanne M. Werra of Brockton
- 17 Steven M. Parkard of W. Bridgewater and Tamara L. Terban of W. Bridgewater
- 23 Stephen J. Boardman of Easton and Heidi M. Barber of W. Bridgewater
- 30 Todd Andrew Davock of Jamaica Plain and Kathleen Britt Turner of W. Bridgewater

DECEMBER

- 29 Robert M. Seaman of W. Bridgewater and Cindi Lee Tucker of Carver

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

TRUST FUNDS	Balance as of 6/30/95	Interest Earned	Funds Expended	Balance as of 6/30/96
Cemeteries				
Pleasant Hill	4,046.77	208.43		4,255.20
Pine Hill	5,848.23	265.68		6,113.91
Town Cemeteries	12,726.81	609.89		13,336.70
Library Trust Funds				
#1	15,916.06	760.95	884.35	15,792.66
#2	6,172.55	297.77		6,470.32
#3	15,262.69	730.63	979.90	15,013.42
#4	16,361.24	783.59	588.00	16,556.83
Gladys Cole				
Library Fund	11,508.38	559.25	1137.92	10,929.71
Curtis Memorial				
Library Fund	5,134.62	220.33	124.82	5,230.13
W.J. & A.C. Howard				
Scholarship Fund	5,671.91	259.64	250.00	5,681.55
Drury Bell Fund				
General Fund	1,006.93	47.90		1,054.83
Stabilization	229,033.81	4,577.48		233,611.29

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Duggan
Treasurer-Collector

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

Year	Outstanding 6/30/95	Commitment	Abatement	Refunds	Tax Liens	Collections	Outstanding 6/30/96
Motor Vehicle Excise							
1993	6,597.72					<1,435.11>	5,162.61
1994	4,976.03	3,908.08	<1,177.28>	378.19		<6,958.88>	1,126.14
1995	22,704.28	122,654.79	<11,559.65>	4,846.34		<126,473.90>	12,171.86
1996	0.00	565,826.27	<16,160.16>	2,868.18		<492,515.08>	60,019.21
Total	34,278.03	692,389.14	<28,897.09>	8,092.71		<627,382.97>	78,479.82
Personal Property Taxes							
1993	16,140.33		<10,280.70>			<5,451.99>	407.64
1994	22,334.21		<8,906.13>			<3,254.64>	36,403.06
1995	41,623.39		<7,981.35>			<5,099.25>	28,542.79
1996		328,699.82	<36.30>			<302,052.40>	26,682.52
Total	80,097.93	328,699.82	<27,204.48>			<315,858.28>	92,036.01
Real Estate Taxes							
1993	131,318.40		<202.03>		<93,461.55>	<37,654.82>	0.00
1994	180,684.35		<14,666.59>	14,694.42	<133,117.49>	<45,805.18>	1,798.51
1995	448,378.29		<68,814.85>	68,454.52	<131,382.66>	<226,316.70>	90,318.60
1996		7,096,089.81	<148,993.48>	64,722.49	<945.31>	<6,549,080.04>	461,793.52
Total	760,381.04	7,096,089.81	<232,676.90>	147,871.43	<358,907.01>	<6,858,856.74>	553,901.63

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996 (continued)

Year	Outstanding 6/30/95	Commitment	Abatement	Refunds	Tax Liens	Collections	Outstanding 6/30/96
Water Use Charges							
1993 & Prior	47,634.42		1,710.50		<36,768.40>	<9,155.52>	0.00
1994	14,881.14				<14,299.27>	0.00	581.87
1995	45,294.86		1,334.35		<12,567.02>	<11,903.67>	19,489.82
1996	0.00	578,227.70				<507,349.46>	70,878.24
Total							
Water Liens Receivables							
1996		78,044.26				<48,774.89>	37,323.35

Interest And Charges Collected

Real Estate	168,745.83
Motor Vehicles	16,343.57
Water	3,616.06
Total	188,705.46

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Duggan
Treasurer-Collector

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET — ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 1996

		<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Proprietary</u>	<u>Fiduciary</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	<u>Totals</u>
		<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Fund Types</u>	<u>Fund Types</u>	<u>General Long</u>	<u>(Memorandum</u>
		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Projects</u>	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Trust and</u>	<u>Term Debt</u>	<u>Only)</u>
					<u>Agency</u>		
Cash and cash investments	\$	778,917	\$ 81,384	\$ 253,062	\$ 328,699	\$ -	\$ 1,665,926
Receivables:							
Property taxes		1,113,116	-	-	-	-	1,113,116
Excise		79,200	-	-	-	-	79,200
Utilities		-	-	140,402	-	-	140,402
Departmental		219,390	-	-	-	-	219,390
Due from other governments		-	43,808	-	-	-	43,808
Fixed assets		-	-	554,000	-	-	554,000
Amount to be provided for the retirement of general long-term debt		-	-	-	-	7,718,000	7,718,000
Other assets		13,336	-	-	-	-	13,336
Total Assets		\$ 2,203,959	\$ 125,192	\$ 947,464	\$ 328,699	\$ 7,718,000	\$ 11,547,178

**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET — ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 1996**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Proprietary Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>		<u>Account Group</u>		<u>Totals</u> (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>General Long Term Debt</u>			
						<u>General</u>	<u>Term Debt</u>		
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY									
Liabilities:									
Warrants payable	\$ 535,169	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	\$ -	\$ 535,169
Deferred revenues	1,321,373	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,321,373
Bond anticipation notes	-	-	7,900	-	-	-	-	6,120,000	6,127,900
Accrued liabilities	144,172	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	144,172
General obligation bonds payable	-	-	-	554,000	-	-	-	1,598,000	2,152,000
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	14,653	-	-	-	14,653
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,000,714	-	\$ 7,900	\$ 554,000	\$ 14,653	-	-	\$ 7,718,000	\$ 10,295,267
Fund Equity:									
Reserved for encumbrances	\$ 61,429	-	-	\$ 122,228	-	-	-	-	\$ 183,657
Reserve for endowment	-	-	-	-	\$ 84,368	-	-	-	84,368
Unreserved	141,816	\$ 125,192	\$ 215,964	-	229,678	-	-	-	712,650
Retained earnings	-	-	-	271,236	-	-	-	-	271,236
Total Fund Equity	\$ 203,245	\$ 125,192	\$ 215,964	\$ 393,464	\$ 314,046	-	-	-	\$ 1,251,911
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity									
	\$ 2,203,959	\$ 125,192	\$ 223,864	\$ 947,464	\$ 328,699	-	-	\$ 7,718,000	\$ 11,547,178

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE —
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special	Capital	Fund Types	
	Fund	Revenues	Projects	Expendable Trust Funds	
Revenues:					
Interest and penalties	\$ 185,089	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 185,089
Taxes	7,397,764	-	-	-	7,397,764
Excise	624,334	-	-	-	624,334
Departmental	45,184	-	-	-	45,184
Licenses and permits	96,499	-	-	-	96,499
Intergovernmental	1,994,040	364,906	-	-	2,358,946
Charges for services	206,680	457,273	-	-	663,953
Interest earnings	127,190	-	-	9,321	136,511
Fines and forfeitures	177,045	-	-	-	177,045
Miscellaneous	49,804	15,814	-	-	65,618
Total Revenue	\$10,903,629	\$837,993	-	\$9,321	\$11,750,943
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government	534,930	2,501	-	-	537,431
Public safety	1,899,914	241,821	2,362,198	-	4,503,933
Education	5,946,910	449,092	-	-	6,396,002
Public works	524,408	109,411	48,523	-	682,342
Human services	132,493	23,248	-	-	155,741
Culture and recreation	165,934	36,476	-	3,965	206,375
Employee benefits	989,099	-	-	-	989,099

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE —
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types Expendable Trust Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenues	Capital Projects		
Expenditures (continued):					
Debt service	539,035	-	-	-	539,035
Intergovernmental	199,001	-	-	-	199,001
Total Expenditures	\$10,931,724	\$ 862,549	\$ 2,410,721	\$ 3,965	\$14,208,959
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(28,095)	(24,556)	(2,410,721)	5,356	(2,458,016)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Proceeds of BANS	-	-	6,120,000	-	6,120,000
Operating transfers in	1,800	2,000	288,000	208,737	500,537
Operating transfers (out)	(498,737)	(1,800)	-	-	(500,537)
Total Other Financing Sources (uses)	\$ (496,937)	\$ 200	\$6,408,000	\$ 208,737	\$ 6,120,000
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	(525,032)	(24,356)	3,997,279	214,093	3,661,984
Fund Balance, July 1, 1995	\$ 728,277	\$ 149,548	\$(3,781,315)	\$ 15,585	\$ (2,887,905)
Fund Balance, June 30, 1996	\$ 203,245	\$ 125,192	\$ 215,964	\$ 229,678	\$ 774,079

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES,
AND EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES — BUDGET AND ACTUAL —
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

	Amended		Variance
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Favorable
			<u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues and Other Sources:			
Taxes	\$ 7,279,758	\$ 7,279,758	\$ -
Excise	625,659	624,334	(1,325)
Charges for services	205,500	206,680	1,180
Departmental	46,050	45,184	(866)
Penalty and interest	125,000	185,089	60,089
Licenses and permits	99,896	96,499	(3,397)
Intergovernmental	1,972,484	1,994,040	21,556
Fines and forfeitures	142,500	177,045	34,545
Interest earnings	33,000	127,190	94,190
Miscellaneous	26,010	49,804	23,794
Other sources - free cash	821,798	821,798	-
Othersources - teacher deferral	471,712	471,712	-
Transfers in	1,800	1,800	-
Total Revenues and			
Other Sources	<u>\$11,851,167</u>	<u>\$12,080,933</u>	<u>\$229,766</u>
Expenditures and Other Uses:			
General government	\$ 528,323	\$ 516,039	\$ 12,284
Public safety	1,812,747	1,811,956	791
Education	5,516,199	5,516,194	5
Public works	457,544	493,208	(35,664)
Health and human services	133,314	131,968	1,346
Culture and recreation	165,820	165,694	126
Debt service	542,568	539,035	3,533
Intergovernmental	187,202	199,001	(11,799)
Employee benefits	1,020,884	988,637	32,247
Articles	484,199	484,211	(12)
Teacher deferral	471,712	471,712	-
Other uses	31,918	31,918	-
Transfers out	498,737	498,737	-
Total Expenditures and			
Other Uses	<u>\$11,851,167</u>	<u>\$11,848,310</u>	<u>\$ 2,857</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
and other sources over			
expenditures and other uses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 232,623</u>	<u>\$ 232,623</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

	Federal Catalogue Number	Fund Balance 7/1/95	Revenue Recognized		Expenditures		Fund Balance 6/30/96
			Federal	Other	Federal	Other	
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>							
Passed Through State Department of Education							
School Lunch Program	10.555	\$ (16,984)	\$ 28,274	\$ 178,748	\$ 28,274	\$ 196,275	\$ (34,511)
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>							
Passed Through State Department of Education							
Title VI B P.L. 94-142	84.027	3,762	61,385	-	58,592	-	6,555
Chapter II ECIA P.L. 97-35	84.151	1,372	-	-	1,372	-	-
Chapter I ECIA P.L. 97-35	84.010	6,173	32,403	-	29,954	-	8,622
Eisenhower math/science	84.164	1,894	2,666	-	3,150	-	1,410
Totals - Department of Education		\$13,201	\$ 96,454	-	\$ 93,068	-	\$ 16,587
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>							
Drug Free Schools	13.155	-	4,806	-	4,581	-	225
<u>U.S. Department of Justice</u>							
COPS Fast Grant	16.726	-	21,394	-	21,394	-	-
Total - All Programs		\$ (3,783)	\$ 150,928	\$ 178,748	\$ 147,317	\$ 196,275	\$ (17,699)

See independent auditors' report.

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

	Water Enterprise Fund
Operating Revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ 702,345
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 702,345</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Personal services	\$ 213,645
Non-personnel services	174,108
Depreciation	115,000
Capital outlay	110,826
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 613,579</u>
Operating Income	\$ 88,766
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):	
Interest expense	<u>(35,182)</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>\$ (35,182)</u>
Net income	\$ 53,584
Fund Equity, Beginning	<u>\$ 339,880</u>
Fund Equity, Ending	<u><u>\$ 393,464</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

ESTIMATED STATEMENT OF DEBT

JUNE 30, 1996

NUMBER	PURPOSE OF ISSUE	DATE OF ISSUE	INTEREST RATE	Maturity	AMOUNT ISSUED	OUTSTANDING		DUE FY 97	INTEREST	OUTSIDE INSIDE
						6/30/95	PAID FY 96			
1	Building Addition — Police	07/01/87	6.1733	07/01/02	650,000.00	335,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	17,100.00	INSIDE
2	Building Repair — School	07/01/87	6.0000	07/01/96	125,000.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	300.00	INSIDE
3	Water	07/01/87	6.1733	07/01/02	670,000.00	220,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	8,110.00	OUTSIDE
4	Building Constr — Library	08/15/89	6.5978	08/15/08	1,600,000.00	1,175,000.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	69,135.00	INSIDE
5	Building Remodel — School	08/15/89	6.5947	08/15/97	143,000.00	45,000.00	19,000.00	13,000.00	1,287.00	INSIDE
6	Architect Services — School	08/15/89	6.5905	08/15/93	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	INSIDE
7	Land Acquisition — Water	08/15/89	6.5976	08/15/08	115,000.00	81,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	4,752.00	OUTSIDE
8	Well	08/15/89	6.5975	08/15/08	225,000.00	142,000.00	14,000.00	10,000.00	8,118.00	OUTSIDE
9	Water Department Equipment	08/15/89	6.5955	08/15/98	52,000.00	22,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	858.00	OUTSIDE
10	Building Remodel — School	12/15/89	7.1727	12/15/99	400,000.00	200,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	10,080.00	OUTSIDE
11	Fire Truck	5/18/93	4.00	06/09/96	60,124.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	INSIDE
12	Robery Farm/Water	5/18/93	4.00	06/09/03	262,400.00	204,000.00	29,000.00	28,000.00	7,000.00	OUTSIDE
13	Cruiser	5/18/93	4.00	06/09/97	15,300.00	7,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	120.00	INSIDE
15	Ambulance	5/18/93	4.00	06/09/97	85,000.00	41,000.00	22,000.00	19,000.00	730.00	INSIDE
					4,427,824.00	2,512,000.00	360,000.00	325,000.00	127,590.00	

REPORT OF THE CABLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE

The Cable Television Committee was relatively inactive this year. The local programming studio located at the Howard Farm Marketplace has been operating well. Volunteers, under the direction of the local programming director, are bringing Selectmen, School Committee, and Town Meetings to people's homes. West Bridgewater High School students, with technical assistance as needed, produced a news show, which received special recognition from the New England Cable Television Association. A successful telethon was held on cable TV to raise funds for the library. Political debates ranging from local to US Congress were held. Sports coverage included high school basketball and football. Other organizations are working on establishing regular shows.

Number of cable television subscribers in West Bridgewater as of December 31, 1995: 1842.

Julio Miglierini, Chairman
Mike Feresten
Don Miller
Peter Turner
Richard Domingos

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN and to the residents of the town of West Bridgewater, we the members of the Board of Assessors submit our annual report.

The mapping program covered in our last report has been completed and the office is equipped with maps that are 100% up-to-date and are very easy to use.

The Board of Assessors would like to thank the Police and Fire Department, Chief Hunt and Sergeant Rogers and others who have taken over the house numbering program. Once completed it will better service the 911 emergency calls.

The Board of Assessors was awarded the Public Information Award for 1996 given by the Massachusetts Assessors Association at a luncheon meeting held on November 14, 1996 at Cafe Christina in Pembroke. The Worcester County Assessors Association has invited Chairman Irving Puffer to be the keynote speaker at their meeting on March 19, 1997. In his talk to the members, he will cover the video presentation on the Data Collection Program now underway in West Bridgewater.

Most of the building activity was based on permits for additions, repairs and renovations or completion of buildings previously started. Two large projects completed were Life Care Center of West Bridgewater and Eastern Utilities which contributed largely to new growth along with new dwellings.

The Board of Assessors would also like to thank Richard Krugger of the Water Department for creating maps on the GIS system showing house numbers, which will be of great assistance to the office and the townspeople.

The Board of Assessors has started a complete measure and list of residential property in town, as requested by the Department of Revenue. The program will be spread over three years.

We would like to thank all the town departments for their cooperation during the past year, with a special "thank you" to the Town Accountant, Marilyn Gordon and the Collector/Treasurer, John Duggan for their patience in the completion of the recap sheet and the tax billing.

Respectfully submitted,

Irving Puffer, Chairman
DeSales Heath, Clerk
Fred Adams, Member
Jeanne Russo, Assistant Assessor

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the residents of West Bridgewater, we the members of the Planning Board, submit this annual report of our activities for the year 1996.

The Planning Board held twenty-two (22) regular meetings during the past year plus two (2) special meetings including one on the Town's new zoning bylaw which was approved at a town meeting on November 12th of last year.

There was one approval not required (Form A) and one subdivision was approved. Since the passage of the new zoning bylaw which requires the Board to review all site plans, three site plans have been reviewed.

"Pinetree Estates" and "Ceatano Circle" subdivisions were finished.

The Board required the developers of houses on Stoney Road to provide water service to the street as well as paving it before construction of new dwellings.

The Planning Board made inspections of all ongoing subdivisions. Progress is being made in finishing some of the older subdivisions.

The Planning Board wishes to express its appreciation for the cooperation it has received from all Town Departments in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh R. Hurley, Chairman
Howard A. Anderson, Vice Chairman
Gerald E. Stetson, Clerk
Grete M. Bohannon
James H. Henderson

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS FITTING INSPECTOR

I respectfully submit my annual report as the Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fitting Inspector for the year 1996.

There were 90 Plumbing applications filed for Plumbing permits.

There were 103 Plumbing inspections made in the following types of buildings:

New Dwellings	12
Old Dwellings	58
Commercial Buildings	15
Public Buildings	1
Trailers	<u>4</u>
Total	90

There were 55 Water Heaters installed.

The Massachusetts State Plumbing Code is used as a basis for all plumbing installations.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Donovan
Inspector of Plumbing

REPORT OF THE CANINE CONTROL DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater, following is the report of the Canine Control Department for 1996:

West Bridgewater still has the lowest rate of unpaid licenses in Plymouth County due to aggressive pursuit of delinquent accounts. Leash law complaints are being resolved. The department is still operating on a part-time basis. Hours are 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday. The department finally received a used police cruiser for the picking up and transporting of stray dogs and responding to calls. We still need a few pieces of equipment for handling special situations. They will be purchased soon. We now have a contractual agreement with an out-of-town kennel facility for the mandatory 10-day impoundment of strays. This is required by state law. Several dogs were in rough shape and some needed special care. Concerned citizens held these animals in their homes and provided the care that a kennel situation cannot provide. For this, I am grateful. We all have a responsibility to every living creature who shares this planet with us. The quality of care given should not be defined by economic value. Each animal deserves freedom from hunger, thirst, fear and pain. To the best of my ability I shall see that they receive quality care.

The threat of rabies is ever present. Even with the effective rabies vaccine inoculation, it hasn't been negated. Wild and feral populations are still main sources of this disease as well as

owners who do not inoculate their pets. Rabies is here to stay and education is the key to protecting citizens, pets and livestock.

Question 1 on this year's election ballot passed. Use of the so-called leghold trap is now illegal except under special circumstances. Anyone finding these traps may call me and I will put you in touch with the appropriate agency. Low cost neutering is still the best way to help stop the overpopulation of dogs and cats. Every hour in the U.S., more than 2,000 dogs and 3,500 cats are born compared to 415 humans. Add these animals to the existing pet population of 54 million dogs and 56 million cats and the total exceeds 150 million! Animal control agencies do the best we can but it is not enough. Estimates are more than 15 million healthy, friendly pets are euthanized each year due to lack of responsible homes. We can and must do better. Please call this office if you need assistance in obtaining this service for your pet. I wish to thank the citizens of West Bridgewater who obey the leash law and the West Bridgewater Police Department officers who assist citizens when I am not on duty. I'd also like to thank Charmarcy Wildlife Center who assisted with injured wildlife and the West Bridge Veterinary Hospital for care of injured dogs.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Vivace, Dog Officer
Canine Control Department

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater:

During 1996, the Board of Appeals held twelve (12) advertised Public Hearings. The hearings dealt with the following:

Variance requests	1
Special Permit requests	7
Hearing continuances	2
Request for variance withdrawn	1
Appeal of the issuance of a building permit	1

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Lucini, Chairman
George O. Merritt, Vice Chairman
Michael D. Feresten
Walter Thayer
Lars (Gary) Eliasson
John DeCosta, Jr., Associate Member
James Henderson, Associate Member

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater, the Conservation Commission hereby submits its annual report for 1996.

The Conservation Commission would like to acknowledge the many years and endless hours of service and dedication by Howard Hayward. His knowledge of the town as well as environmental issues were invaluable to the members in our decision-making process. He will certainly be missed.

The major project that has been filed with the Commission is the Golf Course on Route 106. Members visit the site weekly to monitor the progress of the project.

The Commission has issued 9 Orders of Conditions and 11 Certificates of Compliance.

The Commission wishes to thank the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for their assistance and also extends thanks to all the town boards and departments for their continuous help and cooperation as we strive to make the best decisions for our environment.

Respectfully submitted,

J. James Lorry, Chairman
Joseph Souza, Vice Chairman
Anne Fagan
Peter Bergstrom

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

I respectfully submit the report of the Inspector of Wires for the year ending December 31, 1995.

There were a total of 164 electric permits filed last year.

At this time I would like to express my appreciation to various Town offices and personnel for assistance given to this department.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert K. Greiner, Inspector of Wires
Albert M. Greiner, Assistant Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of W. Bridgewater:

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 1996.

The Old Colony Planning Council is one of thirteen regional planning agencies in Massachusetts, authorized by state statute to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of their respective regions. OCPC is the only regional planning agency in Massachusetts to be designated as an Area Agency on Aging. In this responsibility, the OCPC manages federal Older Americans Act funding for elder services in the fifteen communities in the Council's regular planning district plus eight additional municipalities that constitute the elderly services planning and service area. The OCPC is also designated as an Economic Development District by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for coordinating economic development activities within the OCPC District. Lastly, the OCPC is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Transportation and Transit Planning for the region. We are proud to report that the Old Colony Planning Council has the distinction of being the only regional council in New England to hold all of these official designations at the same time.

In addition to the designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning assistance, grant application preparation assistance and with information on local and regional trends by maintaining current socio-economic information. Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA.

In 1996, the Council re-selected John G. Mather of Halifax as President of OCPC; Eldon F. Moreira of West Bridgewater as Council Secretary; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Treasurer. Daniel M. Crane serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities, the participation and involvement of the members of the Joint Transportation Committee, chaired by Stephen Baker; the Overall Economic Development Committee, chaired by Joseph P. Joseph; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee, chaired by Doris Brindle. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate
Nancy Bresciani, Alternate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater, as the Chief of Police, I submit my annual report on the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 1996.

Chief Howard Anderson retired as of January 1, 1997, after thirty-eight plus years of service to the community. Howard Anderson spent three and a half years as a call fire fighter, and thirty-five years as a member of the police department. The last eight years were served as Chief of Police. Chief Anderson's foresight brought this department into the computer age, where we now stand ready for what the next century brings to policing.

Thank you, Chief Anderson, for your many years of dedication to the people of West Bridgewater.

I herewith submit the Annual Report of the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 1996.

HOMICIDES	0
LARCENY	872
ARRESTS (TOTAL)	869
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	26
ASSAULT	35
ROBBERY	8
BREAKS (RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL)	20
RAPES	3
ATTEMPTED RAPES	1
INDECENT ASSAULT & BATTERY	0
OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	74
OPEN & GROSS LEWDNESS	0
CHILD ABUSE	1
ABUSE PREVENTION ORDERS (209A) ISSUED	46
DOMESTIC ABUSE CALLS	82

MISCELLANEOUS

OFFICERS ASSAULTED	9
VEHICLES STOLEN	10
VEHICLES RECOVERED	29
VANDALISM	42
ALARMS ANSWERED	1272
911 CALLS RECEIVED	1400

TRAFFIC

ACCIDENTS	360
FATAL	1
PROPERTY DAMAGE	195
WITH INJURIES	165

CITATIONS

WARNINGS	1022
NON-CRIMINAL	1724
ARREST AND COURT	1272
TOTAL CITATIONS	4018

MONIES RECEIVED TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER FOR 1996

PISTOL PERMITS ISSUED	\$ 2,000.00
LICENSE TO SELL FIREARMS & AMMUNITION	0
FIREARM IDENTIFICATION CARDS (F.I.D.)	98.00
RECEIPTS FROM COPIES OF POLICE REPORT	1,476.00
PARKING FINES FROM PLYMOUTH COUNTY	5,573.73
FINES FROM BROCKTON DISTRICT COURT	56,033.50
FINES FROM THE REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES	129,429.00
TOTAL FINES COLLECTED	191,036.23
10% SURCHARGE COLLECTED FROM OUTSIDE DETAILS	9,307.03

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Kominsky
Chief

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my eighth annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the year 1996.

Personnel

The personnel of the Fire Department consists of the permanent Chief, One (1) permanent Deputy Chief, One (1) permanent Captain, two (2) permanent Lieutenants, four (4) permanent firefighters, fifteen (15) call firefighters and two (2) call Chaplains.

Apparatus

Engine #1, a 1978 Hendrickson/Farrar 1250 GPM pumper; Engine #2, a 1986 Emergency One/GMC 1000 GPM pumper; Engine #3, a 1969 Farrar 750 GPM pumper; Rescue #1, a 1994 KME 1250 GPM rescue/pumper; Ladder #1, a 1974 Seagrave 100' aerial ladder; Forest Fire's 1 and 2, both 1977 Dodge 4-wheel drives (government surplus); and the Chief's vehicle, a 1995 Ford 4-wheel drive Bronco.

Statistical Report

During 1996, the fire department responded to a total of one thousand four hundred and sixty-seven (1,467) calls. Of this figure, six hundred and eighty-four (684) calls were for fire-related incidents. This figure is the highest in the history of the department and all indications during early 1997 is that the trend will continue. The remaining calls, seven hundred and eighty-three (783), were for emergency medical services. Between January and December, the ambulance returned over one hundred and seventy- three thousand dollars (\$173,000.00) in revenue.

For the same time period, we have processed or billed well over two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00).

Training

We continue to have an ongoing training program for both our full time professional firefighters as well as our part time call firefighters. These training sessions cover a multitude of subjects, from structural firefighting to emergency medical service procedures. We continue to use the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, American Medical Response, and our own instructors to provide this training.

Inspections

All inspections required by law have been accomplished. For the first time in recent years, we now have the responsibility of quarterly inspections of a medical facility. These inspections, as well as the necessary reports to the state, have been done. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the staff of "Life Care of West Bridgewater" for the support and cooperation with this department since their opening.

Special recognition

I would be remiss if I did not publicly acknowledge and thank the **West Bridgewater Permanent Firefighters Association** for their recent donation of over \$20,000.00 worth of rescue equipment to the department. These firefighters, your firefighters, through their own fundraising efforts and an extremely generous donation from the estate of Mrs. Doris Berkowitz, were not asked to buy this equipment. They did it because of their dedication to the Town of West Bridgewater and their belief that you should have the best equipment possible at your disposal should the need ever arise.

Requests and Recommendations

I am **again** requesting, as I have done almost every year since becoming Chief, and as my predecessor did also, that we hire additional permanent firefighters. As you have heard me say on numerous occasions in the past, and as was recently documented in an article in *The Boston Globe*, this town has changed dramatically in the past twenty (20) years, and even more so in the past ten (10) years. We cannot continue to operate this department safely with a lack of full-time staffing.

I am also requesting that we re-chassis Eng. 2, the 1986 Emergency One/GMC. By replacing just the chassis, we will save at least \$100,000.00 over the cost of a totally new pumping engine. This chassis, while relatively new, no longer has the required seating capacity for today's fire department. I am requesting that the existing chassis, once it is removed from the pumper, be turned over to the Highway Department for their use, saving approximately \$55,000.00 to \$60,000.00 in truck costs to that department. I have discussed this proposal with the Acting Highway Superintendent and he is in total agreement.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and your staff for their continued support of this department. I would also like to say thank you to the townspeople for your cards and letters of support. We are here to serve and protect you, but it's always nice to here words of encouragement when we do a good job and have you acknowledge that we've done a good job.

Last, but certainly not least, a sincere thank you to my officers and firefighters for their continued support and cooperation with this office. I will never stop telling you that you have the

finest fire and rescue department in the area, because you do. I continue to be proud of their efforts on behalf of the citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard T. Hunt
Chief

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater:

Single family home construction declined this year by fifty percent. The number of additions, alterations, sheds, pools, barns and garages increased.

Commercial and Industrial construction continues to follow a strong orderly growth pattern.

On behalf of the Building Inspection Department and its employees — Inspector of wires Albert (Skip) Greiner and Joseph Donovan, Inspector of plumbing, and gas local Inspector Edward Gardner, also our two part-time secretaries, Nancy Morrison and Karen Lavin — I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town citizens and employees of the Town for their assistance and cooperation.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

		<u>Construction Value</u>
10	Dwellings	\$864,000.00
55	Additions and Alterations	413,804.00
19	Swimming Pools	69,000.00
7	Stoves and Chimneys	8,000.00
25	Shed and Garages	106,589.00

COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION

		<u>Construction Value</u>
3	New Buildings	\$1,078,300.00
26	Additions and Alterations	2,377,698.00
15	Signs	13,950.00
20	Certificates of Inspection	DNA
Total Fees waived for Municipal Projects		\$1,316.00
Total Fees collected and deposited to the general fund		\$43,741.00

Respectfully submitted,

Steven D. Crawford
Inspector of Buildings

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1996.

During the calendar year 1996, a total of two hundred thirteen (213) measuring devices were sealed. Eighty-two (82) devices were adjusted. Six (6) devices were marked Not Sealed (as such they cannot be used legally in trade), and six (6) devices were condemned for failure to meet prescribed standards.

The following is a summary of measuring devices inspected and tested:

Scales and Balances

Over 10,000 pounds	1	Sealed
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	5	Sealed
100 to 5,000 Pounds	13	Sealed
	3	Adjusted
	3	Not Sealed
	3	Condemned
Under 100 pounds	44	Sealed
	13	Adjusted
	1	Condemned

Weights

Avoirdupois	21	Sealed
Metric		None
Apothecary		None

Liquid Measuring Meters

Gasoline	68	Sealed
	63	Adjusted
Diesel Fuel	7	Sealed
	2	Adjusted
Kerosene	1	Sealed
	1	Adjusted
Spring Water	2	Sealed

Fabric Measuring Devices

50 Sealed
3 Not Sealed
2 Condemned

Linear Measures

Tape 1 Sealed

The following fees were assessed for the above inspections:

Sealing Fees	\$1,822.60
Adjusting Fees	<u>335.00</u>
Total Fees	\$2,157.60

Of the assessed fees, all were collected and turned in to the Town Treasurer before the end of the calendar year.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and to the personnel in the various Town Offices for their continued cooperation in assisting me in carrying out my assigned duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert A. Wolfer
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

The past year saw a decrease in the dollar amount needed for medical assistance for veterans, in large part due to the utilization of alternate sources. In one case a savings of over \$8000 in potential expense was realized.

This office continues to have a large number of inquiries regarding the availability of federal benefits and requests for help in completing federal forms.

Several bills pending before the Legislature could have an impact on the dollar volume and case load for the coming year if eligibility requirements are relaxed.

During 1996 the Town was reimbursed \$12,637 for 1995 expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Armen Amerigian
Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF THE ACTING HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater, I respectfully submit my first annual report as Acting Highway Superintendent for the year 1996.

The Snowiest Winter on Record

As you are all aware this past winter was the worst ever recorded, with snow amounts of approximately 117" and precipitation amounts over 72". It was incredible. All through the long hours and sleepless nights, the total dedication of the men in this department kept the streets open at all times. Not only was the winter weather hard on the men, it was also detrimental to our equipment and Town roads. With the expertise of Bill Kovatis, Foreman and others, we were able to keep the trucks rolling.

Accomplishments

As Acting Highway Superintendent, I have overseen our department accomplish many projects to upgrade and protect one of the Town's most used infrastructures — her roads.

Diamond Hill Estates: After long hours, much paperwork and countless trips to the Massachusetts Highway Department, it appears that we will finally receive 100% Chapter 90 funding for the complete Road Reclamation project for the streets of Diamond Hill Estates: Hartshorn, Brewster, Goldie, Joseph and Bonnie. Construction should begin in the spring of 1997.

Manley Street: The Manley Street Reconstruction project is slated for FY99. Cost estimates are \$3.3 million. To date we have received assurances from Senator Keating and Representative Christine Canavan for State funding for part of this project.

Construction of a New Highway/Forestry Facility: With the approval of Town Residents at June's Annual Town Meeting, this badly needed new facility received a major jump start when residents funded development of architectural and engineering plans to begin this project. Hopefully next year we can bring a cost estimate proposal back to the voters to actually begin construction of such a building.

Transfer Station: Our Department is also overseeing the reconstruction of the Transfer Station building with hopes of completing this in the spring. In addition, with the help of DEP and Forestry Superintendent Christopher Iannitelli, we have implemented a compost pile which saves the Town an average of \$37 per ton on solid waste disposal charges.

In spring of 1997, we hope to make these materials available to the public.

At this point, I would personally like to thank Richard Jefferson for the consistently great job he does as the Transfer Station attendant.

I have also been able to get DEP grants totaling \$11,000 at no cost to the Town, which included compost bins and top 40-yard recycling bins.

Additional Road Access to Rose L. MacDonald School: Fire Chief Leonard Hunt, Safety Officer Bruce Holmquist and myself, along with the School Committee are moving forward with plans to create additional ingress/egress routes to this school.

TIPS List Projects: I continue to look ahead to other major road projects the town needs to address. Some of these are South Street; South Street Bridge; the center of Town; Scotland Street and Scotland Street Bridge; West Center Street and Walnut Street.

Fortunately most of these projects will be funded by State and Federal funds.

Most of this year we spent putting up signs and fixing the roadsides of residents' lawns. Much time is spent keeping drains open and running and keeping our equipment in peak operating condition.

In closing, I would like to thank the men in my department for their dedication and cooperation to me and the Town to make our department the best highway department with the best roads as possible. Richard Chisholm, Kenneth Berry, William Kovatis, Shawn Anderson and Brian York have gone above and beyond the call of duty, facing the Worst Winter of the Century.

I would also like to thank the Selectmen and their staff for all of their help and support as we struggle to do the best we can for our roads with the money the residents appropriate at Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Green
Acting Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE FORESTRY AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The Forestry Department continues its efforts in areas of tree work, park restoration, grounds maintenance and recreation. Listed below are some of the areas in which the department is currently involved:

17 GREENS AT INTERSECTIONS
TOWN HALL AND GAZEBO GROUNDS
LEGION MEMORIAL BALLFIELDS
POLICE/FIRE STATION GROUNDS
SELECTIVE LANDSCAPE PROJECTS
AT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A 5-ACRE PARK
7 CEMETERIES
TOWN LIBRARY
TOWN SKATING RINK
FRIENDSHIP PARK PLAYGROUND

Town greens and lawns are continuously upgraded and monitored for insect and disease problems. During 1996, there were 77 Town trees removed due to disease or public safety.

Poison ivy and hornet/wasp eradication was carried out this past summer for Town residents.

We have continued the process of tree trimming and brush clearing. A 3-foot walking area on each side of every public road is our goal. Residents are urged to call if they have an obstructed area near their home.

The Town no longer has a bucket truck. A private, contracted crane or bucket truck is brought in for large trees. Eastern Edison helps the Town remove any dead trees near wires. This co-op program has been very successful with Edison giving the Town a yearly \$1,000 grant for planting new trees. Our Town was also recognized this year as a "Tree City USA" recipient. With the support of local donors, an Arbor Day program was conducted at the Howard School with all students receiving trees.

We maintain contact with the Department of Environmental Management, Division of Forest and Shade Trees. With their aid, assessment of gypsy moth severity is carried out.

Plymouth County Mosquito Control was contacted a number of times. Spraying was done at the Town playgrounds, ballfields, park, swamp areas and private homes. Any Town residents can have their yard sprayed in the spring for larvae or during the summer for adult mosquitoes.

We have four (4) funds under the department which we manage and to which we encourage donations:

1. **Stars and Stripes** — includes funds for all Town flags;
2. **Holiday Decoration Fund** — used to supply and upgrade holiday decorations throughout town;
3. **Beautification** — to supply trees, shrubs, flowers, mulch, etc. for all public areas in town;
4. **Gazebo Concert Series Fund** — a fund to pay for the cost of our Summer Concert Series.

War Memorial Park restoration work continues. Many volunteers gave their time planting and maintaining gardens throughout the park. Department vehicles and equipment include:

1968 Chipper	1994 F-350 Ford Dump
1993 Graverly 72" cut Tractor	1995 F-800 Ford Dump
1991 F-150 Ford Pick-up	

An "adopt-an-island" program continues. Six volunteers maintained flower gardens at intersections.

Our fourth annual Gazebo Concert Series was held in summer, 1996. Six concerts were presented, free to the public on Monday evenings throughout the summer. Plans are now being made for the 1997 summer program. Many thanks goes to the area businesses and civic groups that totally sponsored this program.

Our first Annual "Culture for Children" summer entertainment program was held at Friendship Park Playground this summer on Tuesday evenings. This program sponsored by West Bridgewater DARE was a great success. Two Eagle Scout projects were conducted at Friendship Park. The just restored Drury Bell, the newly built gazebo at the playground, which will be used for entertainment.

We recently received a Heritage Tree Grant from the Department of Environmental Management. This money will be used to help preserve some large specimen trees in Town, including the large sugar maple at Friendship Paris Playground. Plans are now being made for

the 1997 Summer Series. Engraved Bricks are still being sold to raise money for expansion of Friendship Park.

Our Town Skating Rink continues to get much use. Efforts by many town businesses and organizations donating time and money has made this a success.

As budgets become tighter each year, new ways have to be created to fund projects. To allow the Park, trees or Town properties to decline is not sound for a town that has invested so much in maintaining these things over the years. We always need fresh ideas by employees, townspeople and volunteers to keep things moving forward in a positive direction.

I truly thank all of my co-workers who have helped me over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher D. Iannitelli,
Forestry & Parks Superintendent

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The year of 1996 was a productive year for our educational system. After several years of planning and work, the construction projects at our Howard, Rose L. MacDonald and the Middle/Senior High Schools were completed. Victor Flaherty and his Building Needs Committee, all of whom provided hundreds of hours overseeing the project, deserve our recognition and appreciation. Special thanks to all the town's people for their moral and financial support of this much needed work.

Linda Santry left the School Committee after twelve years of dedicated service and strong leadership.

The April election returned Jeff Russell to his seat on the Committee, and the Committee welcomed new member Eileen Flaherty.

The graduating class of 1996 saw eighty-eight percent of the students go on to higher education. This is clearly a wonderful tribute to their teachers and parents who have worked diligently to prepare them for their future successes.

Updating the technology equipment for the children continues to be of importance. In 1996 funds were appropriated for the purchase of new computer laboratories for each of the three schools.

This past year brought the retirement of two most dedicated individuals, Dorothy "Dottie" English, who retired after 25 years of outstanding service; and S. Eric Benson. Eric's commitment, leadership and genuine love for the students will be greatly missed.

1996 brought to us a highly skilled and motivated new Superintendent of Schools. Rena G. Shea became the Superintendent in October. Mrs. Shea has over 30 years experience as an educator, administrator and leader. She came to us from the Rockland Public Schools where she

served that district as the Assistant Superintendent. She has proven herself in the areas of Staff Development, Curriculum Development Grant Writing, Budget Development and Management. The Committee is confident the educational system will continue to provide our children the best possible education with Mrs. Shea's leadership.

The School Committee remains committed to ensuring our children continue to receive an excellent education. The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, and all other supporting committees and most importantly, the residents of the town are to be thanked for their support and should feel most proud of the students. The large majority of our West Bridgewater students truly represent what is good in today's society. We must all continue to remain focused, committed and work together for them to ensure all their needs are met and they each reach their fullest potential.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey P. Russell, Chairman
Mark K. Burley, Vice Chairman
R. Linn Peterson, Clerk
Eileen Flaherty, David A. Gill, Jerry G. Lawrence

REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

School District has gone through many changes during 1996 and in spite of some difficult times, has continued to provide a positive educational atmosphere for 1000+ students.

The following are but a few of the highlights:

- West Bridgewater continues to be an active member of PCC (Project Contemporary Competitiveness) and as such, we are able to provide ten students in grades 8 and 9 with a unique summer learning experience. The six-week program is housed at Bridgewater State College and offers a variety of enrichment courses.
- The establishment of state of the art MacIntosh Laboratories in each school made possible by a 5-year commitment on the part of the residents as recommended by the Town Technology Committee.
- The continuation of the "Savings Makes Cents" program at the grade 5 level.
- The upgrading of the playground at the Rose L. MacDonald School.
- The 17-Week DARE program infused into the grade 6 curriculum under the direction of officer Ann Savignano has met all of our expectations and more. This is a true cooperative effort between the Police Department and the School Department.
- The honors bestowed upon 5 students through the Boston Globe Art competition and the production of "Guys & Dolls" at the high school level.

- The PTO offers a great number of educational programs that enhance the curriculum, including the Egyptian Program, The Manitock Indians, and the Rain Forest Program.

In my short tenure I have been impressed by the Educational system as a whole. The staff is dedicated, the community is involved and most importantly, students have a genuine respect for each other.

As the educational leader of the West Bridgewater Public Schools, a program of quality education will be provided which will emphasize school/community climate, effective schools and the pursuit of individual talents. All segments of the educational community will be inspired to work together as a team to achieve the common goal of providing the best educational experiences for all students.

Respectfully submitted,

Rena G. Shea
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

At this time, two hundred thirteen students, or almost twenty-one percent of the students in West Bridgewater, whose disabilities range from mild to severe, are receiving special education services. These services include resource room support services, speech and language therapy, counseling services, adaptive physical education, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and vision and mobility services.

These services are provided through special education programs in the PreSchool Program at the Spring Street School, at the Rose L. MacDonald School, at the Howard Elementary School, and at the Middle/High School. Fourteen students are receiving their special education services in out-of-district day and residential programs.

The students in the West Bridgewater Public Schools who have special needs receive their special education services from personnel who are professionally well qualified as well as sincerely dedicated and committed to meeting these responsibilities. I became the Director of Special Education in September 1996 and would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to my professional colleagues and support staff for making the special education program as effective as it is for our students who have special needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Strathie
Director of Special Education

REPORT OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

During the 1995-96 school year, 440 students were enrolled in grades 7-12 at the Middle/Senior High School. This number reflects a steady increase in the student population over the past 5 years.

For the third consecutive year, West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School was recognized as a "model school" for "Time and Learning" by the Massachusetts Department of Education. Because of our restructuring innovations, we were awarded yet another grant from the Department of Education.

At the middle school level, the two new science labs became operational. These labs are a great addition to our academic program. We have also joined the Cranberry Alliance, which is a coalition of middle schools in the southeast. This membership entitles us to extensive benefits through the Department of Education regarding middle school issues, professional development, and curriculum.

"Guys and Dolls" was the musical production of the 1995-96 school year. Once again the students played to a packed house at each performance. Five art students received honors through *The Boston Globe* art competition and both our middle school and high school choruses performed at various assemblies and civic events.

On June 2, 1996, fifty seniors received their diplomas at the graduation ceremony. Of those graduates, 88% furthered their studies in a post-secondary education. Over \$70,000 in scholarship monies were disbursed at graduation.

We have continued to expand upon our business partnerships. Job-shadowing experiences have continued with great success and student internships are being developed. A school to career program is slowly being integrated into the curriculum. Much work still needs to be accomplished in this area. In addition to the above, we are working on providing greater access to technology for all of our students as well as integrating technology throughout our curriculum.

The district building project was completed in 1996. Although many physical changes took place at the Middle/Senior High School during the project, much work on the facility needs to be accomplished. Our goal is to provide for our entire school population the best learning environment possible.

Through the continued collaborative efforts of teachers, parents, community members, students and the administration our goal can be attained. Our goal continues to be to provide the best educational experiences in the best learning environment for all of our students.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Ann M. Papagiotas, Principal
Mr. Ronald C. Broman, Dean of Students

REPORT OF THE HOWARD SCHOOL

Howard School began the new school year on September 4, 1996, with 260 students in grades four, five and six.

During the late spring and early summer, approximately 99% of the construction at the Howard School was completed. The 1996-1997 school year got off to a great start. Mr. Stephen Sergio of Luxury Landscaping, completed grading and seeding a large area of land behind the school cafeteria. Mr. Ray Rogue of Sweezy Fence also donated time, labor and materials to install two tetherball poles on the school playground for the students.

Through a collaborative effort with the town computer committee and the voters of West Bridgewater, a much needed computer lab became a reality with the purchase of twenty-five new power MacIntosh computers.

Mrs. Beth Smith and Mrs. April McDermott from the West Bridgewater town library continued to work with Mrs. Keating to provide additional library facilities for the Howard School students. Classes visited the Public Library on a regular basis throughout the year.

The newly instituted "Savings Makes Cents" program continued for a second year with a kickoff visit from former Celtic basketball star Ernie DiGregorio. In addition to the banking program, the West Bridgewater High School Spanish class students continued for a second year to visit the Howard School every other week to teach an introductory Spanish class to the children in grades 4 and 5.

During the year, students participated in a Social Studies Country Travel Fair, Christmas Around the World, Whale Watch, Jump Rope for Heart, Spring Band and Chorus Concert as well as many other additional activities.

The West Bridgewater PTO under the direction of Michelle Pepin once again provided students with enrichment programs about Bats, Egyptians, Indians, Author In Residence, Pilgrim Visitor, Rocks and Minerals, as well as with the purchase of necessary educational materials and equipment. They provide the school with parent volunteers and helped supervise special activities and events. We thank them once again for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the children and staff.

The Howard School staff are currently reviewing curriculum to ensure that we are meeting the needs of the new curriculum frameworks established by the Board of Education.

The Howard School goal continues to be to provide a quality education for all of our students.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce R. Francis
Principal

REPORT OF THE ROSE L. MACDONALD SCHOOL AND THE SPRING ST. EARLY LEARNING CENTER

The Rose L. MacDonald School, housing grades 1-3 in an elementary setting, was involved in a number of initiatives to improve the quality of the educational experience for West Bridgewater students during the 1996 school year.

Substantial progress was made to upgrade the opportunity to incorporate technology into the elementary curriculum. The small computer lab, supported by volunteers, has increased the availability for students to have hands-on experience as well as enrichment experience in most curriculum areas. 1997 will bring us another infusion in the form of new Macintosh computers and a language/reading support program. The new additions are part of the town commitment to support technology in the educational process.

The upgrading of the playground at MacDonald School was also an initiative eagerly anticipated and enthusiastically embraced. A fundraiser, The Holiday Fair, brought funding to begin the planning and implementation of the upgrade in the spring of 1997.

The MacDonald/Spring St. School Council reorganized with newly elected membership of parents and teachers continues its work of advising and reviewing the School Improvement Plan.

The Rose L. MacDonald/Spring St. School Council:

Mr. David Moran, Principal (Co-Chair)
Ms. Linda Naimey, Teacher (Co-Chair)
Ms. Kathryn Sardella, Teacher
Ms. Tracy Yannone, Parent
Ms. Nancy Maloney, Parent
Mr. Brian Read, Parent

The Kindergarten Program, moved to the Spring St. School in January of 1996, has fully established itself in their new classroom areas in POD C of the facility. The children had many opportunities to share themselves and to learn from our senior citizens also housed in the Spring St. facility. We look forward to developing improvements to our early learning programs in West Bridgewater in the coming years.

The 1996-1997 school year has been filled with great community spirit and involvement. The success of our educational programs are dependent on the positive involvement of the parents, the community and the professional staff.

Respectfully submitted,

David Moran, Principal

REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Massachusetts Education Reform Act challenges educators to improve student performance so that all students in the Commonwealth are prepared to be active and productive citizens in the 21st century. The implementation of Education Reform has educators re-examining numerous aspects of school programs, structures, curriculum, performance standards, finance, professional preparation and administrative requirements. Changes in standards for students, teachers, organizational policy and structures have all been made as a result of the Education Reform Act. These changes have had an impact on all school districts and school programs, including vocational-technical education.

This past June the Southeastern Regional School District completed its twenty-ninth year of operation. Southeastern offers twenty-four secondary and seven post-secondary technical training programs. On October 1, 1995 there were 1262 students enrolled in the school district.

West Bridgewater's share of the \$11,655,758 fiscal 97 school budget is \$164,944. This is 3.09% of the assessment and represents thirty-nine students.

Federal grants such as Carl Perkins, Title I, 94-142, competitive Displaced Homemakers, and Regional Employment Board grants were used to offset equipment and personnel costs.

The school district was fortunate to receive donations of equipment, computers, and supplies from district businesses. The automotive department received new Saturn, Chrysler and Ford automobiles. These donations will allow our students to remain current working on new vehicles and state-of-the-art technology.

Our students continue to excel in the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America and Cosmetology students were sent to the national VICA competition. Students also participated in peer counseling, peer mediation, American Diversity Dynamics Club, and peace week activities, and Commercial Foods students visited the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York.

Corrine Williams, a Commercial Art student from Brockton ranking first in her class, was chosen our Most Outstanding Vocational Student and received an award and scholarship that were presented to her at Mechanics Hall in Worcester.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges Fifth-Year Focus Accreditation Visit occurred this past October. The evaluation committee will present their findings to the New England Commission in May of 1997. The Medical Laboratory program received a three and one-half year accreditation based upon progress reports submitted in compliance with nationally stated requirements. Our Licensed Practical Nurse program was also re-accredited by the Massachusetts Board of Accreditation.

Southeastern had an extensive on-site facility assessment by the Department of Environmental Protection who enforces laws, regulations, orders, licenses, permits and approvals in regards to hazardous waste materials and air pollution control. The final report of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs found no non-compliance issues for the school district.

A Teacher Technology Center was established to provide area teachers with high quality, low cost instruction in classroom applications of computers.

The demand for high school and technical institute graduates continues to be very strong and our annual placement rate exceeds 95%.

Southeastern is appreciative for the cooperation and support received from the residents of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Kostecki
School Committee Member

REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We, the Commissioners and Superintendent of the water department of the town of West Bridgewater, respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1996.

During the year a total of 269,766,220 gallons of water was pumped. This is 22,395,230 less than the previous year. The greatest amount for any one day was June 15, 1996 with 1,444,000 gallons pumped. The largest month was June with 28,295,470 gallons pumped. The largest week was June 2, 1996 with 7,250,820 gallons being pumped.

With 269,766,220 gallons of water pumped plus 1,012,020 gallons bought from Easton, a total of 270,778,240 gallons of water was used. This makes a daily average of 741,858 gallons.

Eight new services were installed, bringing our total number to 2,448 services.

Station Maintenance was carried out daily, after every severe storm, and after all power failures. A total of 627 hours of overtime was spent on emergency leaks and maintenance.

Once again in the fall of the year the water department undertook our flushing program. The flushing program has proven to be very successful, almost eliminating all dirty water complaints.

In the fall of the year the crew and a private contractor pressure washed all the fire hydrants in town and applied a new type of paint called NOXYIDE. This is a water based fast drying extremely environmentally safe product. The product has a rubbery texture and is supposed to last 20 years.

The water department's crew continued with its meter replacement program, installing the new telephone operated water meter that calls the readings in to our computer. As of the end of the year we have 220 of these new meters installed. The meters give us monthly readings.

In September the crew worked with a private developer and laid an 8" water main on the old section of Stoney Road. This enabled us to connect 3 homes previously serviced by long indi-

vidual lines running out to Spring Street, and allowed us to add three hydrants in the area increasing the fire protection.

In October the water crew replaced the old 2" water main on Oliver street that ran from Matfield street to Pinecrest Road with a new 8" C900 pvc main and replaced all water services on the street from the main to the property line. The larger main also allowed us to install a fire hydrant increasing the area's fire protection.

The water department put on line its new GIS mapping system. This new system allows the water department to map the entire distribution system, hydrants, wells, and service lines on a computer for detailed quick reference.

In November of this year the water department broke ground building the first of four corrosion control plants. The purpose of these buildings is to provide a safe place to handle and inject the chemicals needed to raise the P.H. of our water. This treatment is necessary so that we can meet the new safe drinking water standards.

During the year 142 analyses of our drinking water were done for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency for bacterial elements. All reports were most satisfactory, showing it to be of highly acceptable quality and free from bacterial elements. We also ran individual tests on all four wells to check for cancer causing pollutants in our water and none were detected in any of our wells.

We would like to thank the crew of the water department for making this year a success, and all the other departments that came to our aid when requested and most importantly all the townspeople who have supported us in reaching our goals.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Noyes, Chairman
Donald Asack, Clerk

David Churchill, Member
Richard E. Krugger, Jr., Superintendent

REPORT OF THE VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Another year has come and gone and the relationship between the Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association and the town of West Bridgewater has continued to grow. This past year has seen tremendous response to programs offered to the residents of West Bridgewater. Monthly blood pressure clinics and the annual flu immunization clinic has kept us in touch with many of the town's residents. This year we did a "Teddy Bear" clinic which gave the town's youngest residents and their parents an opportunity to bring in their favorite stuffed animal or doll for a "free check-up." It was a good experience for all showing children that they do not have to fear going to the doctor's office. A new nutrition program will be offered to residents this year.

Once again we will be holding our Annual Spring Fashion Show. This year we will be working in conjunction with a program on Breast Cancer Awareness, an issue that has been very close to many of our residents. We will also be working with the East Bridgewater Council of Aging on an educational program for prostate cancer, a subject that very often is set aside until it is too late.

With continued support of our Affiliated Visiting Nurse Association, the Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association has been able to provide programs on psychiatric nursing, maternal child care, skin and wound care, a support program for Alzheimer's patients' caregivers. This year we are adding new programs dealing with Parkinson's disease and oncology. As the year progresses and we see the need of our local communities, more programs will be offered. Hopefully, we will be able to offer a series on women's health issues.

At this time I would like to thank the town government, the town residents and the local businesses for their continued support in our mutual endeavor of providing the people of West Bridgewater with quality and comprehensive home health care, allowing all residents the fundamental right of dignity and respect even in the face of illness, injury, disease or the inevitable process of aging. Thanks to your support, we are also able to promote educational programs and preventive care and health maintenance to all your residents. Home health care may have changed over the years, but the basic mission of our organization remains the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Kravitz, President
Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health respectfully submits its report for 1996.

The following list of fees gathered by the Board is a glimpse of some of the Board activities.

Perc Test Observations	\$1,383.50
Disposal works permits	3,455.00
Food service and retail food permits	4,050.00
Disposal works installer permits	1,225.00
Milk and Cream permits	420.00
Septic hauler licenses	525.00
Rabies Clinic	370.00
Mobile food service permits	70.00
Mobile home park and motel permits	180.00
Miscellaneous	725.00
TOTAL	\$22,033.50

Again this year we thank the Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association and our Public Health Nurse for running the clinics on blood pressure and blood sugar screening, TB testing and flu shots. The Public Health Nurse is available every first and third Tuesday for 11 a.m. to noon at our office in the Town Hall, at the COA Center on the second Wednesday for 10 a.m. until noon.

The Veterinary Clinic for rabies shots for cats and dogs was held on April 28, 1996 courtesy of Dr. Neal Andelman of Westbridge Veterinary Hospital. It was well received.

Lastly, we wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Richard Colvin, the Health Inspector, for handling all the day-to-day work that allows our Board to function. The ongoing restaurant and food handling inspections, septic site inspections and follow-up visits and calls on public health complaints received by the Board are not seen in yearly reports such as this, but are essential to the public health of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Cruz, Chairperson
Marie T. Bagley, Clerk
Sandra L. Asack, Member

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby respectfully submit our annual report for the year 1996.

Cattle: (Adult = 2 years and over)

Number of dairy cows over two years	194
Number of dairy heifers one to two years	80
Number of beef	32
Number of steers/oxen	2
Number of goats (Adult = 1 year and up)	18
Number of sheep (Adult = 1 year and up)	4

Swine:

Number of breeders	0
Number of feeders	31

Equines:

Number of horses	51
Number of ponies	10
Number of stables accessible to the public	1
Number of llamas	0

Poultry:

Number of chickens	242
Number of turkeys	5600
Number of ratites	0
Number of waterfowl	205
Number of gamebirds	300
Number of rabbits	30

Other Animals:

Number of Donkeys	3
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Respectfully submitted,

Howard A. Anderson
Richard Anderson
Inspectors of Animals

REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 1996.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of 25 Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 1996 season began with an above normal water table which produced large numbers of spring brood mosquitoes throughout the County. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of adult mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began. The Project responded to a record number of residential complaints during the summer. All sprayers and trucks performed well with little time lost to breakdowns.

The threat of the mosquito-transmitted disease Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was again low in 1996. This season marked the third consecutive year that EEE virus was not isolated during the mosquito surveillance period. Unusually high rainfall and groundwater levels that have remained above average during 1996 should warrant increased concern for the 1997 EEE season.

During the summer of 1996, this Project also cooperated with the Harvard School of Public Health on a Lyme disease surveillance program in Plymouth County Towns.

The figures specific to the Town of West Bridgewater are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of West Bridgewater residents.

Insecticide Application. 2,510 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes re-invaded the area. The first treatments were made in May and the last in September.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present. Last year a total of 97 inspections were made to 71 catalogued breeding sites.

Water Management. During 1996 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 2,250 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Finally, we have been tracking complaint response time, that is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of West Bridgewater was less than two days with more than 211 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in West Bridgewater indicates that *Coquillettidia perturbans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected included *Culex salinarius* and *Aedes vexans*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices or any other matters of concern.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth W. Ludlam, Ph.D.,
Superintendent

Commissioners:
Carolyn Brennan, Chairman
Robert A. Thorndike, Vice Chairman
Leighton F. Peck, Jr., Secretary
William J. Mara
Michael J. Pieroni

REPORT OF THE WOMANSPLACE CRISIS CENTER

THE PROGRAM

Womansplace Crisis Center is a program of Health Care of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc. which is a private, non-profit agency. The Center combines the services of the former Plymouth County Rape Crisis Center and Womansplace shelter for battered women. Womansplace Crisis Center was established more than fifteen years ago in response to the need for these services in every community. We at the center struggle to eliminate rape and sexual assault and domestic violence in our communities. All services are free of charge.

SERVICES

The Womansplace Crisis Center provides an array of services which includes:

24-HOUR HOTLINE: The hotline provides 24-hour counseling to survivors of rape, incest, sexual assault and their significant others.

CRISIS INTERVENTION: Through the hotline, counselors are available 24 hours a day to respond to survivors, and their families, police departments or emergency rooms immediately after an assault. The counselor provides support to the survivor and the family to help them regain control of a particularly devastating situation.

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELING: Individual and group counseling are offered to survivors and their significant others in order to help them deal with the devastating emotional impact of the rape or sexual assault. Group counseling brings survivors of a sexual assault together to help them deal with the feelings of isolation and helplessness.

MEDICAL LIAISON: Counselors are trained in emergency protocols for treatment of rape survivors utilized by various community hospitals.

LEGAL LIAISON: Counselors accompany survivors to court to provide them the emotional support to follow through with the charges. The court experience can be extremely difficult for the survivors. In addition to assisting survivors within the court setting, counselors work closely with police departments during the initial stages of a sexual assault investigation.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Educational and training programs are offered to schools, churches, social service agencies, police departments, hospitals and community organizations on rape awareness/prevention, child assault, rape trauma syndrome and other related issues.

THE NEED: One out of every two women will be raped or be a victim of attempted rape in their lifetime.

One out of every seven males are sexually assaulted by the age of eighteen.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The West Bridgewater Council on Aging is responsible for coordinating and/or sponsoring programs for the elderly as well as helping to provide or secure necessary services needed by the elderly of our community and to ensure a higher level of personal involvement in area activities for 1,347 citizens of West Bridgewater who are 60 years of age or older.

The Senior Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 to 4:00 p.m. Services are obtained by calling the COA office at 584-8294. The COA requests residents to call and advise us of any person who might benefit from services provided.

The Elder Services Director and Council on Aging Board members are delegates to and attend regular meetings at Old Colony Elderly Services, Inc., Old Colony Planning Council, Mass Council on Aging Association, CIRCA and COA/APA Area Plymouth Association, and Self Help, Inc., Bridgewater VNA Board of Directors, and N.E. Sinai Com. Resource Com.

The COA meets on the second Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center located at 2 Spring Street in the Spring Street School. Meetings are open to interested residents. The COA seven paid staff people - a director, Joan Johnson; a part-time secretary, Janet Beaulieu; a part-time transportation coordinator, Eleanor Lindsay; a part-time Social Day Care coordinator, Sue Finn; a part-time Social Day Care aide funded by a federal program Title V of the Older American Act; a part-time nutrition manager/cook, Josephine Burroughs; and a part-time kitchen aide, Eve Boyle — provide the nutritious senior luncheons 3 days a week. There is outreach worker, fuel assistance and shine counselor, Mary Hogan.

In addition to paid personnel we have approximately 32 volunteers who volunteered more than 6,774 hours (inkind services equaling \$33,810.00). Contributions made by these volunteers are incalculable. In May a volunteer recognition luncheon was held to show appreciation for the time and effort these people give.

A senior lunch program is held in the cafeteria at the Spring Street School every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Meals On Wheels are delivered to approximately 20 seniors a day, 5 days a week. Our nutrition program is self sustained and made possible from a Grant from the Area Agency on Aging, 7,800 meals were served and 5,300 Meals-On-Wheels delivered. These

programs run smoothly under the direction of staff and volunteers. A donation of \$1.50 is requested and the receipts are submitted into a revolving account. This program as well as the Social Day Care are self supporting.

Dial-A-Bat is available to seniors and handicapped individuals for medical use Monday-Friday, 2,694 were transported this past year.

Activities at the senior center are:

Luncheons on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Bingo, Share a craft, bowling, line dancing and exercise programs. Also a variety of educational programs are offered addressing health issues. Grant applications and awards applied for were Formula Grant, Service Incentive, Title III and Title V Grants. Through those acquired this past year we were able to employ a cook, Social Day Care coordinator and assistant to Social Day Care and an Outreach Worker.

Through the Cultural Council, we provided an intergenerational music program. The intergenerational efforts benefits the students as well as our community. The Lions Club, Community Lions, and the Police Association provided meals and sociability for our seniors. We reinstated our annual Bocci Tournament and made it a Community event.

A special thanks goes to the local merchants who support our "Capen Caller" newsletter, the advertising funds the cost of printing. This newsletter is a vehicle of communication to every senior in West Bridgewater. Its contents are informational on services and resources available to senior citizens.

JOY, Inc. is a non profit group whose sole purpose is to raise, hold, accept and expend monies to assist in the needs of the elderly of West Bridgewater in various ways.

Friends of the COA is a group of people interested in raising funds to support the needs of the Council on Aging and have done so this past year for which the COA is totally grateful.

This coming year the COA will put special emphasis on intergenerational programs. In a cooperative effort with the schools we have had several successful programs integrating seniors and children. Both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have volunteered with programs and decorating at the center. We want to express our gratitude to the West Bridgewater School Committee for their continued support of our endeavors; also, the Superintendent's office staff, school personnel and Mr. James Yarnell and his maintenance staff for making our occupancy in our new home a happy and productive environment.

Future goals include: to continue planning for our own facility, a five day meal site, employment of a full-time Outreach Worker who will do home visits to homebound; add new interesting programs, continue our intergenerational efforts and address senior concerns with informative educational programs.

This year with the demise of Self Help, Inc. Outreach program the Elder Services Director and SHINE volunteer assisted with fuel applications. This results in approximately \$10,000 in assistance to elderly and needy West Bridgewater residents. We were again able to use the West Bridgewater emergency fund as a resource to also assist residents in need of emergency assistance. A special thanks goes to Linda Santry and Bruce Holmquist for their help.

The Senior Center was utilized by: Bridgewater VNA for monthly Blood Pressure Clinics and annual Flu Clinic.

The COA works closely with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, the Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association; Housing Authority; Old Colony Planning Council; Old Colony Elderly Services; South Eastern Legal Assistance Corp; Jewish Family Services; Self Help, Inc.; all Town Departments and other groups in town who assist with the town's elderly population. Our warm appreciation goes to these groups for their help extended to the COA director.

We especially would like to recognize those who volunteer time delivering meals; working at the luncheons; transporting those without transportation and for just "being there" when you are needed. We really appreciate you!

As a Council we would like to thank the community and voters for their support of our programs and ask for your continued cooperation.

We would again like to thank our Director Joan Johnson for her dedication to the Seniors of West Bridgewater, for pursuing grants for programs which not only benefit our seniors, but the Town of West Bridgewater. With her help and perseverance we will continue to provide quality programs for our community in 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank W. Nelson, Jr., Chairman
Anna Brown, Vice Chairman
Virginia Michael, Secretary
Jacqueline Barber, Treasurer
David Cohen
George Massey
Pauline Peterson
Irene Willis
Lloyd Sears

Joan K. Johnson, Elder Services Director

REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of the town of West Bridgewater: The Delegate and Alternate to the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging (OCPC-AAA) Advisory Committee are pleased to present this report of the Area Agency on Aging activities for FY 1996.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT:

The OCPC-AAA is responsible for the planning, coordination and finding of elderly services under Title III of the Older Americans Act in the 23 community region served by the program. The OCPC-AAA, in conjunction with input from the 23 community Advisory Committee,

has focused its efforts on developing a comprehensive network of services and programs which are responsive to the full spectrum of elder service needs. In collaboration with local councils on aging and other elder service provider agencies, the OCPC-AAA provided grant funding for the following programs and services in Fiscal Year 1996:

- Senior Center and Outreach Programs
- Home Health and Respite Services
- In-Home Mental Health Services
- Services for Elders with Disabilities
- Transportation Services
- Legal Services
- Emergency Intervention Services
- Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals
- Nutritional Education and Counseling
- Services to Families and Caregivers
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman Services

More than 354,000 units of service were provided to 10,395 unduplicated elders throughout the region.

In addition to providing funding for the services listed above, the OCPC-AAA also used funding under Title III-F (Disease Prevention and Health Promotion) for the provision of Nutritional Education and one-to-one Nutritional Counseling. The OCPC-AAA also used funding from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for the provision of Prostate Cancer Awareness and Education presentations at various locations. A total of nine (9) educational presentations were conducted, serving 353 elders from throughout the region.

The AAA Advisory Committee Delegate and Alternates play a key role in the development and support of elder services and programs in the region. The Advisory Committee, consisting of representatives from each of the 23 communities, assists the AAA in assessing elder needs, recommending funding priorities, and recommending sub-grantees to provide Title III services. The support and cooperation of the local communities and Advisory Committee members is acknowledged with gratitude by the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. David Cohen,
AAA Advisory Committee Delegate

Ms. Pauline Peterson,
AAA Advisory Committee Alternate

REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY ELDERLY SERVICES

The Annual Report provides each of us involved with Old Colony Elderly Services (OCES) the opportunity to take stock; to review what has been accomplished over the past 12 months; to gain perspective; and, to begin developing new goals and objectives for the future.

Most importantly, OCES' record of service shows consistent and significant growth. Of particular note is the fact that OCES' staff brought needed in-home service to over 1900 seniors each month in FY 96. The number of seniors enrolled in the Enhanced Community Options (ECOP), Managed Care In Housing (MCIH) and Protective Service Programs which target the most frail, needy or at-risk clients reached the highest levels OCES has ever served. Detailed descriptions and specifics with respect to these programs and all the other services OCES provides can be found in the following sections of this report.

Less obvious, but in many ways just as telling about the progress OCES has made, are the administrative refinements and the individual staff initiatives undertaken to expedite and improve service delivery. These efforts included improvements in the Agency's capacity to more effectively utilize automated information systems; a qualitative increase in OCES' Information and Referral capability; and, the daily efforts of each OCES case manager to ensure that "their seniors" received the best and most appropriate service possible.

In addition to these very concrete service, case management and administrative results, it is important to recognize the steps OCES has taken to respond to a very rapidly changing service environment. First, the Board chose to join with other Home Care Agencies in a "Long Term Partnership Initiative" to formally explore ways and means to work more effectively with OCES' sister agencies throughout the State. And second, OCES renewed its commitment to actively participate with the Mass Home Care Association and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to vigorously support legislation which will help secure the critical role "home care" should play in the future of elder services. One of the most notable accomplishments of this mutual endeavor was the passage of the Aging Service Access Points (ASAP) legislation.

In summary, it is fair to say that OCES' FY 96 accomplishments have been considerable. The staff has never been stronger; the programs are proven and sound; and, the Agency is well positioned to continue to provide the services seniors require to remain independent and in their homes. However, in order to maintain this momentum; it remains for all of us to preserve; to remain as informed as possible; and to continue to be actively and meaningfully involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan K. Johnson, President
Edward T. Donovan, Executive Director

REPORT OF SELF HELP INCORPORATED

During the program year ending September 30, 1996, Self Help, Inc. received a total funding of approximately \$8.6M and provided direct services to 17,202 limited income households in the area.

In the town of West Bridgewater SHI provided services totaling \$54,670 to 115 households during program year 1996.

The total funding of \$8,615,509 does not tell the real value of human services delivered to the area as a whole. Self Help's funding enabled us to mobilize an additional \$1,258,647 of other community resources such as contributions from the towns, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the gross value of Self Help, Inc. during the past program year was \$10,143,470.

Self Help currently employs 248 individuals, many of whom are of limited income, minorities, and who reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 1995 through September 30, 1996 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many limited income individuals and/or families as we did, in spite of the challenges and uncertainties with which we were traced, and decreases in funding we experienced.

We thank all the volunteers, Boards of Selectmen, and their representative(s) to our Board of Directors, representatives of the limited income sector, and representatives of the private sector for helping to make Fiscal Year 1996 a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wang
Administrative/Personnel Assistant

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Honorable Selectmen, elected officials, appointed officials and residents of West Bridgewater:

The Board Of Library Trustees takes great pleasure in presenting our annual report to the Town of West Bridgewater.

To begin our report the members of the Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge and thank James Grandfield who recently completed his fourth term as a trustee. Jim was instrumental in procuring the resources necessary to build the library that we have today. He devoted many hours working with the building committee, meeting with the library Director and town officials planning annual budgets, to ensure the library had adequate funds to operate.

Under the guidance and leadership of our Director Beth Smith, the library continues to meet the ever increasing demand of its services by town residents. Statistics show that use of the library has increased twenty-five percent over the past year and is expected to increase again this year. Beth's report of The Library Director to the Board of Trustees explains in detail the library's goals and accomplishments for 1996.

This year we were able to obtain three computers and now have a computer center for patron use. This will enable us to continue to work with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and their "*Strategic Plan for the Future of Library Services in Massachusetts.*" As stated by the Board of Library Commissioners, "Under this plan, state support for library technology and resource sharing would be dramatically increased. This would be accomplished by the expansion of the existing regional public library systems into six regional systems linking all the Commonwealth's 2,000 public, college and university, school and special libraries, and by increased support for existing computer systems which currently link virtually every public library. Specific results would include a virtual catalog of library resources available through any personal computer, access to thousands of library collections, and vastly expanded access for all library users in every corner of the state to a wide range of new electronic information resources."

As trustees of the West Bridgewater Public Library it is our goal to meet the needs of our patrons and to ensure that all residents have an equal opportunity to use the library for entertainment and educational purposes. We encourage residents to use the library to enrich and turn their lives into a life long learning experience.

In closing the Board of Trustees would like to thank the staff, all the volunteers, Friends of the Library, patrons, residents and elected officials who continue to give their support.

The Trustees meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7:15 p.m. in the Historical room of the Library. Any interested party is invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Library Trustees
Robert A. Sullivan, Chairman
Tony Kinahan, Vice Chairman
Barbara A. Roulstone, Secretary
Susan Cross
Diane McMullen
Linda Williams

1996

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Technology has touched many aspects of library service this year. The library functions of circulation and cataloging are now automated with the ABLE Network System. Using the on-line public access catalog (OPAC), patrons can tell immediately if wanted material is on the shelf or in circulation, whether it is owned by West Bridgewater or another library, and place a reserve on the needed item. Delivery service to the 28 member libraries takes place daily so that materials requested one day may be in the hands of the library patron on the next day. West Bridgewater Public Library has 40,400 items entered into the ABLE system in the form of books, tapes, videos, puppets, and magazines.

April Mc Dermott, Head of the Circulation Department, reports that since going on-line in May 1995 there are 4000 West Bridgewater borrowers registered in the ABLE system. In Fiscal Year 1996 the library circulated 36,129 items to patrons. 3,314 holds were fulfilled for patrons reserving books.

Anticipation of offering the public the use of personal computers was the driving force for service this year. Monies for a personal computer were passed as a capital expenditure at Annual Town Meeting in June. A gift of a personal computer came from Continental Cablevision through the efforts of Rebekah Sullivan to attain \$800 in pledges in Continental Cablevision's Pennies-For-Pages Readathon. Rebekah won the computer for achieving the most dollars in pledges in a nine-town area. A third computer arrived as a gift in a state grant process where the western library region of Massachusetts earned a personal computer for every library in Mass.

Of these new personal computers one is the second on-line public access computer (OPAC) for the ABLE system for patrons to use in locating and reserving books. Another computer serves as the Internet computer offering patrons an opportunity to log onto the World Wide Web through the courtesy of a free internet connection through T.I.A.C., The Internet Access Company. The third computer as well as the others offer Microsoft Word, Access, Excell, Powerpoint, Bookshelf, Binder, Schedule, Microsoft Publisher 2.0, Print Shop Deluxe, Microsoft Works for Windows, Notepad, and Wordpad as well as various CD-ROM products such as Grolier Interactive Encyclopedia, Compton's Interactive Encyclopedia, Twayne's Master Authors, children's interactive CD-ROMs, Ultimate 3D Skeleton, Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing, a U.S. Atlas, and a World Atlas.

Additional services provided through ABLE are the EBSCO Master File 1000 periodical database where key words may be typed in to produce a list of magazine articles on the topic from a database of 1000 titles some appearing in full text. FIRST SEARCH is available for specific inquiries from one of 60 databases. The Massachusetts Library Information Network is a textual connection to the Internet and allows the contents of many Mass. libraries to be searched.

The entire library staff has continued to attend training sessions and workshops to allow us to remain current and comfortable with the new library technology.

Children's Librarian, Chris Altieri, organized a variety of creative programs for children and young adults. The winter reading program "Reading is a Magic Trip" attracted over 40 participants. Story hours for toddlers, pre school, and kindergarten age children were held throughout the year. The story hour programs incorporated stories, music, and songs as well as age

appropriate craft activities. Library Summer Camp was held in July and August to the delight of the 27 participating children.

The action packed summer reading program, always popular among West Bridgewater grade schoolers, this year evolved around the theme "Catch the Summer Spark." These summer programs culminated in an ice cream sundae party and awards ceremony. Joy the Clown thrilled the audience of 65 with his magic tricks. Special holiday craft sessions were held at Halloween with Hobgoblin Hour and Thanksgiving with buttermaking served on homemade breads.

Chris Altieri has also been successful in having the public library become a site certified by the Mass Department of Education for the Professional Development Points program (PDP) for continued accreditation for educators. Chris has led or planned two workshops for PDP points which teachers attended. The first workshop was on the library's Child Care Resources and Information Program grant and its application to pre school instructors. The second workshop was led by Margie Mc Nally, Interior Designer, on "Safe Environments for Children."

The initiation of programs for young adults began with a visit from the Princeton Review representative. She gave suggestions to the young adults on ways to improve their SAT scores and how to study for these tests. Helen Harlow, a skin care consultant, gave a lively and informative talk to mothers and daughters about skin care and make up techniques.

School Librarian Joan Keating continued to bring her school library classes from Howard School to the public library for instruction during the first week of every month. Instruction on the Internet became part of their library visits. The kindergarten classes visited the library in June.

The Friends of the Library with Jodi Savage as President continued the Reading is Fundamental Program (RIF) with three free distributions of paperback books to students in elementary grades one through five. This is the eighth year the program has been active thanks to the efforts of the Friends, the West Bridgewater Cultural Council, and the National RIF program. Friends who participate regularly in the distributions and the Book Swaps are Mariann Lorrain, Pat Everett, Karen Buttrick, Jeannie Kruja, Pam Norris, Mary-Jo Shilalis, Sandy White, and Maria Baker.

The Friends have held their annual Book and Bake Sale in October in anticipation of Halloween. Their efforts have funded museum passes to the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, The Garden in the Woods, Framingham, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and the John F. Kennedy Library. In the year the Friends purchased the "Fusion Bind" machine to enable technical services staff to do permanent repairs on the bindings of books without needing to send the books out to a bindery. The Friends hosted a holiday celebration for patrons, invited Helen Millet and Elaine Laughton to speak about the antiquities of Egypt from their recent trip, and hosted an evening with Kenneth Gloss, owner of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston.

The library thanks the WeeBee Walkers Club for continuing to maintain the plantings in the lovely English herb and flower garden by the library side door; Holmes McDuffy Florists for the beautiful weekly floral displays; Ernest Chiasson for setting up the new printers; Bob Kellogg for installing software; Jonathan Pettanato and Bob Smith for their computer expertise; Mary Ellen Holden, who cared for the library's plants; Kristin J. Teixeira, Christopher Gowell, and Anthony Azersky for their participation in Continental Cablevision's Pennies-For-Pages Readathon; and the family and friends of Edna Hurley for the gift memorials in her name.

The meeting room was very well used by local boards, committees and groups. There is no question that the meeting room is a valued addition to the public library.

The library Book Discussion Group meets monthly on the second Thursday to discuss books selected by the group. Joy Van Pelt has been the leader. The book group has a core of members and is always looking to increase the number of interested readers.

It should be obvious to anyone reading this report that there are a number of people who view library services as such a vital and important aspect of community life that they enthusiastically volunteer their time to ensure library excellence. A very special thank you to them all, especially to the elected Board of Library Trustees that is committed to the West Bridgewater Public Library and its services. Thank you to our volunteers: Richard Swann, Betty Turner, Jennifer McChord, Roberta Barroll, and Evelyn Fletcher. They are an important part of our library team. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, an irreplaceable group dedicated to the enhancement of library services. On behalf of an outstanding library staff and a dedicated Board of Trustees, thank you to the citizens of West Bridgewater who overwhelmingly continue to support the West Bridgewater Public library and its mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Roll Smith
Library Director

REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

County Extension programs are carried on through Plymouth County in cooperation with UMASS Extension (Amherst) and the United States Department of Agriculture. The Cooperative Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Educational programs focus on four major program areas: Agroecology; Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation; 4-H Youth, Volunteer and Family Development; and federally funded Nutrition Education initiatives. Volunteer advisory groups work with staff on developing specific programs. Local citizens, appointed by the County Commissioners, serve as County Extension trustees, directing the overall program. Extension staff serve as a direct link with the University of Massachusetts. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with people and communities through workshops, conferences, field demonstrations, technical assistance, newspaper articles, radio and television. Publications, such as regular newsletters and booklets, fact sheets, and home study courses, bring information directly to those who need it. In April 1996, Marjorie Mahoney, 4-H Agent, retired after 34 years of service to Plymouth County working with area youth and volunteers.

In Plymouth County, the Extension outreach office is located on High St., Hanson. This past year an office was reestablished in the City of Brockton for the Family Nutrition Program, a special funded Extension grant. In Southeastern Massachusetts regional programs are conducted in cooperation with the Barnstable County Extension Program. Satellite offices of UMASS Cooperative Extension are located in Bristol and Norfolk Counties. UMASS Extension also operates the Cranberry Experiment Research Station, located in Wareham. Currently the county field staff consists of a County Director, two 4-H Youth Development Specialists, a

Nutrition/Family Development Specialist, and a Landscape/Nursery Specialist. A federally funded Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, which has been active in Plymouth County since 1969, is run under the auspices of Cooperative Extension. Currently one supervisor and two outreach educators work in this program; last year Nutrition Educators worked with 18 county groups enrolling 257 limited income participants in the UMASS 12-lesson Certificate Course. A three-year Water Quality Grant continues with work in the Taunton River Watershed Connections Project. A new Family Self-Sufficiency Project began this year in cooperation with 17 county-based housing authorities; Bridgewater State College and UMass Amherst. For more detailed information on the County Cooperative Extension program contact the county office at Box 658, Hanson, MA 02341. (617)293-3541 or 447-5946 or e-mail plycty@umext.umass.edu — also info. on the Web <http://www.umass.edu/umext/>

Members of the County Staff:

Mary M. McBrady, County Extension Director
Amy McCune, 4-H Youth and Family Development, hired 1996
Robert O. Mott, 4-H Youth and Family Development
Mary "Liz" O'Donoghue, Family Development and Food Safety Programs
Deborah C. Swanson, Extension Educator, Landscape and Nursery
Betty Ann Francis, Executive Assistant

Staff funded by Federal or State Program Grants:

Andrea B. Gulezian, Nutrition Education Program Supervisor
Maria Pique, Nutrition Educator
Joyce Rose, Nutrition Educator
Faith Burbank, Extension Specialist, Water Quality
Anita Sprague, Senior Clerk (2 days/wk)
Betsy Fisher, Special Project Temporary Clerk, Water Quality (1 day/wk)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. McBrady, County Director
mmcbrady@umext.umass.edu
December 1996

REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

1996 was a year of solid accomplishment and growth for SERSG. SERSG continued to prepare and supervise cooperative procurements of various goods and services for its member communities. Our largest procurement was for DPW supplies and services with contracts valued at \$6.9 million awarded. SERSG communities saved approximately \$600,000 on this one procurement when compared to the prices that communities are paying for comparable goods and services that they procured individually. Similarly, SERSG communities enjoyed a 62% savings off catalog prices when buying office supplies under the SERSG procurement.

SERSG also assisted municipalities in preparing to efficiently implement drug and alcohol testing programs for municipal commercial motor vehicle operators mandated by the recent federal Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act. SERSG also continued its annual program of in-service training for municipal employees and its efforts to keep its members abreast of

changes at the state and federal level. Among issues being monitored actively by SERSG this year are the deregulation in both the telecommunications and electric utility industries. Cities and towns are significant users of electric power and deregulation may provide attractive opportunities for the exercise of group purchasing power.

SERSG will provide technical assistance to its members in explaining the opportunities presented by and the obligations imposed by the Telecommunications Act. Vendors in this billion dollar industry will be fighting over the last mile of access to the customer base in each city or town.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Salisbury,
Regional Administrator

REPORT OF THE MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and residents of West Bridgewater:

During the year of 1996 the Mobile Home Rent Control Board held hearings at the Howard School.

These hearings were held at the request of the Beacon Mobile Home Park owner, regarding a rent increase. After review the Board granted an increase based on facts and figures presented.

There is an opening on the Rent Control Board for another member. Any resident of the town wishing to serve can send a letter of application to the Board of Selectmen.

The members of the Rent Control Board are pleased to serve the Town, as well as the residents and owners of the parks.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles R. Barros, Chairman
Robert McKean, Vice Chairman
Irene Churchill, Secretary
Kathleen Norville

REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is a report of the nature and the status of the litigation in which the Town of West Bridgewater had been involved or is currently involved as of the date of this report:

Town of West Bridgewater

V.

Joseph Galvin

This is a complaint brought by the Town in the Plymouth County Superior Court seeking to obtain damages from the defendant with respect to a defective ladder truck sold by him to the Town. The Town received a judgment in the amount of \$19,500, together with interest at the rate of twelve percent, after a trial in the Superior Court. The defendant appealed such judgment to the Appeals Court, and the appeal is still pending.

Gerald J. Kelleher, Raymond A. Mucci and Maxwell Andelman

V.

Town of West Bridgewater

This is an action brought by the plaintiffs in the Plymouth County Superior Court seeking additional damages for a taking by the Town of their land by eminent domain for the purpose of public water supply. This case is pending trial.

Steven D. Crawford

V.

A & E Realty Trust and Victor Guerreiro

This is a complaint brought in the Superior Court by the Town's Building Inspector to obtain a preliminary injunction ordering the defendants to comply with the Town's Zoning By-Laws and with the State Building Code. This case was tried in the Superior Court and judgment was rendered in favor of the Building Inspector. The defendants appealed the judgment to the Appeals Court, and the appeal is still pending.

Steven D. Crawford

V.

C & L Realty Trust, Paul Colandrea and Richard Leonard

This is a complaint brought by the Building Inspector to enjoin the defendants from using their premises in violation of the Town's Zoning By-Laws. A trial on the merits is still pending.

**John F. Hebshie, Trustee of Hebshie Brothers Trust,
doing business as Beacon Mobile Home Park**

V.

Board of Selectmen, Town of West Bridgewater

This is an action brought in the Plymouth County Superior Court by the plaintiff, who is the owner and operator of the Beacon Mobile Home Park. The action requests the Court to determine the validity of the enactment of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 1992 allowing the Town to adopt

a Rent Control By-Law, the validity of the Town's adoption of said By-Law, and whether the Town has the legal right to deny the plaintiff permission to discontinue the use of his land for use as a mobile home park. The case is still pending trial.

**Richard Civitarese, Trustee of American
Manufactured Homes Trust, doing
business as Matfield Woods Mobile Home Park
V.
Board of Selectmen**

This is an action brought in the Plymouth County Superior Court by the plaintiff, who is the owner and operator of the Matfield Woods Mobile Home Park, to determine the validity of the enactment of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 1992 allowing the Town to adopt a Rent Control By-Law and the validity of the Town's adoption of said By-Law. The case is still pending trial.

**Extra Space Associates, Inc. et al
V.
Zoning Board of Appeals of West Bridgewater**

This is an action brought in the Plymouth County Superior Court by the plaintiff appealing the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals which overruled the decision of the Building Inspector granting a building permit to the plaintiff for the construction of a self-service storage facility at 327 South Main Street. The case is pending trial.

**John F. Hebshie et al
V.
West Bridgewater Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board**

This is an action brought by the plaintiffs in the Norfolk County Superior Court appealing the decision of the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board granting a rent increase to the owners of the Beacon Mobile Home Park. A hearing on this complaint has been held by the Court but no decision has been rendered as yet.

**Steven D. Crawford
V.
Brian Kilsby and Michael Olesch, d/b/a Video Express**

This is a complaint brought by the Building Inspector in the Norfolk County Superior Court seeking a preliminary injunction against the defendant enjoining them from operating an adult video store on the premises located at 4 South Main Street. The Court denied the Town's request for a preliminary injunction, and continued the case for a trial on the merits of the case.

**Richard E. Krugger and Sally E. Krugger
V.
Zoning Board of Appeals of Town of West Bridgewater**

This is an action brought by the plaintiffs in the Plymouth County Superior Court appealing the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals denying their application for a special permit to construct a garage on their premises at 395 Crescent Street. The case is pending trial.

**Ralph Peterson, Individually and on Behalf
of All Residents of Beacon Mobile Home Park
V.
West Bridgewater Mobile Home Park Rent Control
Board and John F. Hebshie, Trustee of
Hebshie Bros. Trust**

This is an action brought by the plaintiffs in the Norfolk County Superior Court appealing the decision of the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board granting a rent increase to the owners of the Beacon Mobile Home Park. A hearing on this complaint has been held by the Court, but no decision has been rendered as yet.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Lee,
Town Counsel

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EMERGENCIES — DIAL 911

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Fire Department — Non-Emergency 586-4137

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In Town Hall:

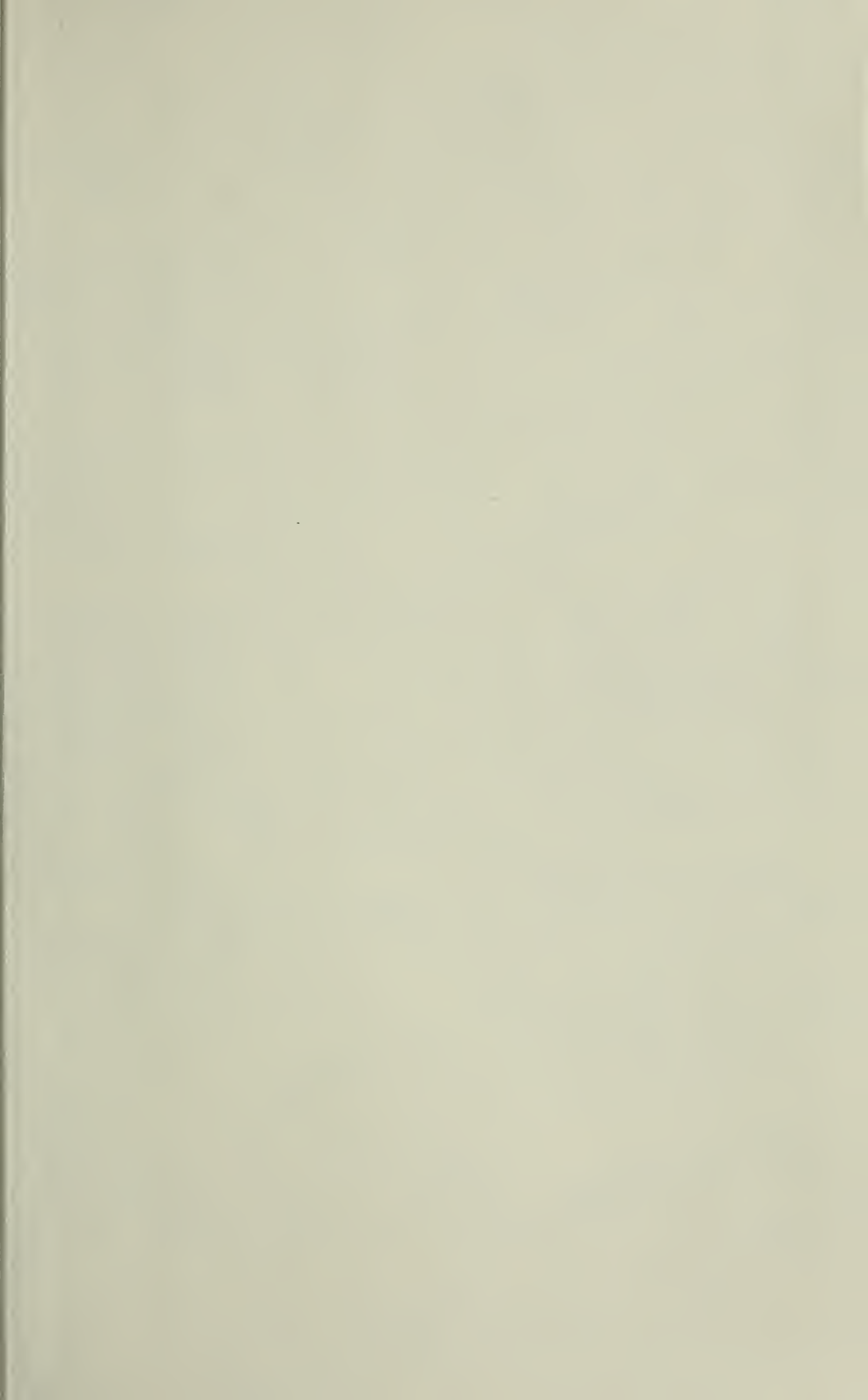
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Building Department	559-9816
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Forestry	588-4820
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Town Accountant	588-4820
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At Separate Locations:

Water Department	583-0813
Council on Aging	584-9816
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Public Library	583-2067
School Superintendent	586-5094

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